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Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta
1937



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All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

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HENRY SANDILANDS

Grand Z., 1936

HENRY SANDILANDS
Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion Henry Sandilands was born on the 20th day of January, 1869, at Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, England.

Educated at Wellesley College, London, England, and is by profession a mechanical engineer.

He was married to Miss Edith Mary Lightfoot at Eastbourne, Sussex, England, on December 19th, 1893; of this union there were born five children.

Initiated into Masonry in Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton, England, on March 20th, 1902, he afterward became a charter member of Pentalpha Lodge, No. 3164, Pullscough, England, in April, 1906, serving as Worshipful Master in 1912-13. Affiliated with Jasper Lodge, No. 14, Edmonton, April 13th, 1914.

He was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Sinai Chapter, No. 3164, on January 29th, 1912.

A charter member of Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton, serving as First Principal in 1926. Was elected Grand Superintendent, District No. 1, G.C.A., 1927; Grand J., 1924; Grand H., 1935; Grand Z., 1936.

In the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., he served as D.D.G.M., District No. 12, in 1920-21.

In the Cryptic Rite he is a P.T.I.M. of Zohar Council, No. 13, Edmonton, serving as Inspector-General in 1932.

He is also a Past M. P. Sovereign of Taylor Conclave, No. 175, Red Cross of Constantine, and Grand Prefect of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

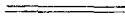
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Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the

Twenty-third

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Twenty-third Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 29th day of April, A.D. 1937, A.I. 2467.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp Henry Sandilands.....Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey... ..Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett.....Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Andrew Davison... ..Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer.....Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. C. Harry Minchin.....Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy...Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. Frank Grandage.....Grand Supt. District No. 1
R. E. Comp. John G. Harrison.....Grand Supt. District No. 2
R. E. Comp. Thomas W. Matthews.....Grand Supt. District No. 3
R. E. Comp. Arthur T. Spankie.....Grand Supt. District No. 4
R. E. Comp. Robert Crichton.....Grand Supt. District No. 5
R. E. Comp. George Blyth.....Grand Supt. District No. 6
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. William H. Scott.....Grand Principal Sojourner
V. E. Comp. Cecil C. G. Duthie... ..Grand Sword Bearer
R. E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper.....Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. Gaius Allen.....Grand Tyler

PRINCIPALS AND PAST PRINCIPALS PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

First Principal G. S. Draper, Third Principal F. D. Coggan;
Past Principals C. H. Minchin, H. D. Fawcett, M. B. Peacock, F. B. Cooper, J. A. McGhee, A. T. Spankie, F. J. Hand, R. Wood, H. H. Fletcher.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

First Principal G. E. Hutchinson, Past Principals J. D. Barclay, W. L. Sharp, A. B. McCurdy.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat

First Principal W. Leveque.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge

First Principal A. Cherry.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River

First Principal W. M. Marshall, Past Principals W. B. Way, W. Roney.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Westaskiwin

Past Principal J. Callahan.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek

Past Principal J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

First Principal W. J. Hartrick, Third Principal H. Bentley, Past Principals C. Comba, A. Carr, J. R. Flan, F. Bentley, C. T. Valentine, J. V. Follett, F. V. Truesdale, P. A. Moncreiff, A. E. Lockett, G. Allen, J. Cleave.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary

First Principal J. Burroughs, Third Principal T. D. Gold, Past Principals J. Brown A. Davison, T. S. Jeffery, T. W. Matthews.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer

Past Principal D. M. Wright.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

Past Principal J. Cleveley.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

First Principal M. Brimmacombe, Past Principals W. W. Bell, W. H. Scott, J. W. G. Morrison.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillvue

First Principal F. E. Millett, Past Principal R. Crichton.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam

Past Principal F. Grandage.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton

Past Principal G. Blyth.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown

First Principal I. Barton, Past Principal J. Rennie.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff

C. A. MacPherson (Proxy).

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore

Third Principal A. L. Williams, Past Principals W. E. Mercer, O. G. Craig, H. W. B. Bell.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury

First Principal W. G. Leisemer, Past Principals J. A. McGhee, J. L. Clarke.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

Third Principal, F. W. McJunkin, Past Principals C. A. MacPherson, J. M. Donaldson, F. W. Keyte, J. T. Burns, M. M. Downey, R. C. Rankin, C. C. G. Duthie, J. W. Verge.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton

Past Principals H. Sandilands, A. Robinson.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano

Past Principals H. W. Ford, J. R. Flan

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller

First Principal J. H. W. Dutton, Second Principal K. Hansen, Third Principal L. A. Bennett, Past Principals W. S. Cameron, J. G. Harrison, W. E. G. Anderson, W. A. Irving.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna

First Principal J. G. Odell, Third Principal A. G. Bond, Past Principal C. Wylie.

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper

Geo. Blyth (Proxy).

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson

M. M. Downey (Proxy).

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:30 o'clock a.m., April 29th, 1937.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Grand Chapter being opened Most Excellent Companion W. E. Mercer entered escorting two distinguished visitors:
M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer:

Most Excellent Sir: I have very great pleasure indeed, in fact it is a great honor, to be able to introduce to you this morning Most Excellent Companion E. T. Johnson of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and Most Excellent Companion W. B. Saunders of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, who are here to visit you today. I am sure you will accord them a hearty welcome and extend to them every courtesy.

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

We are indeed pleased to have you with us today. The fact that you have travelled quite a distance is appreciated and we will endeavor to make your stay with us really a happy one. I trust when you return to your respective Grand Chapters you will convey our fraternal and hearty greetings and be able to say something nice of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and that you will have pleasant recollections of your visit here.

(Grand Honours were given nine times.)

Most Excellent Companion Mercer, will you kindly escort our distinguished visitors to the East.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS CONSTITUTIONAL

A resolution, moved by R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson and seconded by R. E. Companion C. Comba, was then read by Grand Scribe E., as follows:

WHEREAS, Section No. 16 of our Constitution requires that the Annual Convocation be held on the second Wednesday in the month of May of each year, which day falls on May 12th this year, and

WHEREAS, the said date, this year was set aside by the Imperial Government for the Coronation of His Gracious Majesty, King George VI, and

WHEREAS, upon representations made by a number of constituent Chapters and Grand Chapter officers, the Grand First Principal with the unanimous approval of the Grand Council, caused the date of this Grand Convocation to be changed to Thursday, April 29th, in response to such representations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that this Grand Chapter in session, doth hereby approve and ratify the said action of the Grand Council and further does hereby declare valid and Constitutional all

acts and transactions of this Grand Body done on this day and of the same force and effect as if done and transacted on May 12th, 1937.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Keyte, it was

RESOLVED, that the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded Minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to be present and conveying fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful convocation were read by the Scribe E., from:

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton.

Grand Z. and Grand S. E. of Grand Chapter of Canada.

M. E. Companion G. L. Gardiner, G. Z.

M. E. Companion E. Smith, G. S. E.

M. E. Companion J. E. Johnston.

M. E. Companion W. H. Jones, Grand High Priest of Wyoming.

R. E. Companion F. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

Most E. Companion F. E. Doull, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

R. E. Companion R. H. Repath, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

M. E. Companion W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Dakota.

R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside.

M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod.

M. E. Companion A. West.

M. E. Companion Sandilands conveyed the regrets of M. E. Companion W. Coote.

CIVIC WELCOME

R. E. Companion M. B. Peacock now entered the Chapter escorting His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, M. E. Companion Andrew Davison.

R. E. Companion M. B. Peacock:

Most Excellent Sir: I have had the peculiar and esteemed honor conferred upon me of being able to introduce to you and through you to the officers and members and visitors of this, our Grand Chapter, one of the best known men in Western Canada. He is a Past Most Excellent Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter. He is Mayor of the

fairest city in Western Canada. He has had so many degrees and honors conferred upon him that I am not going to take up valuable time enumerating them. He is known I believe, in Ireland, as "Andrew" but we know him best as our "beloved Andy." A fighter but a lovely disposition. He is going to welcome us here this morning. I have, therefore, much*pleasure in introducing the best known man in Western Canada.

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

Your Worship, Most Excellent Companion Davison, it is a very great pleasure to have you with us this morning. I know your duties are onerous and pressing but I hope you will be able to spend a little time with us. I will not take up any more time but invite you to the East. We are glad to have you.

M. E. Companion A. Davison:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions: it is unnecessary for me to assure you that it is both a privilege and a pleasure to be present here this morning in order to extend a civic welcome to the delegates. I come, of course, in a dual capacity—as one of those who have been honored by being placed in the highest office it is in the power of this Grand Chapter to bestow, and also as the Chief Magistrate of what Companion Peacock has called the fairest city in Western Canada. I don't know why he said "Western Canada." I must admit I am rather embarrassed by the kind introduction of Companion Peacock but I suppose he can't help it. (Laughter).

If I may be permitted to divorce these two positions—that of a Past Grand Z. of this jurisdiction and the office of Mayor of the City of Calgary and speak to you as the Chief Magistrate, because, companions, that is why I am with you for a few moments, I do desire to extend a most cordial welcome to the delegates to this Grand Chapter from outside the city itself. I want particularly to include in that the two distinguished visitors we have with us, Most Excellent Companion Johnson from Manitoba. I have a very warm spot in my heart for that province because I lived for a good many years in Winnipeg; I went to business college there and to indicate that I think a lot of the people of Manitoba I would tell him that I married a Manitoba girl. Then too I have very pleasant recollections of the visit of Most Excellent Companion Irwin during my year of office. I first met him at Saskatoon and later he came and visited us so I am particularly pleased to have you, Most Excellent Companion Johnson, with us this morning representing your Grand Chapter.

And we are just as delighted to have with us Most Excellent Companion Saunders of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. I understand this young fellow Mercer went to Wyoming and I take it he charmed those people to such a degree they decided to send a representative to see if there were any more like him in Alberta. To Most Excellent Companion Saunders I desire, I repeat, to extend a very hearty welcome indeed. After all we do not look upon him as a foreigner but as a brother and companion from that great country to the South, a people who sprang from the same stock as you and I. I was just thinking as I came down, in this day and generation with a war in Europe and that portion of the world in such a turmoil, that that is an unknown thing in North America. The people of these two great nations, the United States and Canada, have lived together in peace and amity without gun, soldier or implement of war on a border line of 3,000 miles, and have lived in that condition for more than a century and a quarter. It was back in 1812 there was a slight misunderstanding but since then we have

been able to get along nicely together and I think the other nations of the world might well copy our example.

As one who has taken some interest in Capitular masonry in this province for a number of years I know what trials and tribulations have confronted you since 1931. We have suffered loss and shrinkage of membership and have found it difficult to carry on, but despite those handicaps we are still carrying on and I believe that very soon Capitular masonry will again be once more on the high road to prosperity.

I sincerely trust this session today will prove harmonious and successful and that the delegates from outside the city will enjoy the hospitality which our companions in Calgary will extend to them. I want to congratulate you, Sir, on what I consider a very successful year, taking into consideration the conditions under which we labor, and to express the hope that you will be long spared to carry on this wonderful work of Capitular masonry. I hope it may be the good fortune of Most Excellent Companion Sandilands to live for a number of years to render such excellent service and to give of his talents and work to more than one branch of the Craft. I feel we have honored ourselves in placing him in this high office.

That is all I have to offer other than to thank you for the very kind and courteous manner in which you have received me.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Fraternal greetings were extended to the Grand Chapter by the following Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions:

Arizona	R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper.
Arkansas	R. E. Comp. W. H. Scott.
California	R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock.
British Columbia	M. E. Comp. H. Sandilands
Colorado	R. E. Comp. W. E. G. Anderson
District of Columbia	M. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison
Illinois	R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin.
Ireland	R. E. Comp. C. H. Minchin.
Kansas	R. E. Comp. F. V. Truesdale.
Kentucky	R. E. Comp. W. S. Cameron.
Maine	R. E. Comp. A. T. Spankie.
Maryland	M. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.
Massachusetts	R. E. Comp. W. B. Way.
Michigan	M. E. Comp. J. R. Flan
Minnesota	R. E. Comp. J. L. Clarke
Mississippi	R. E. Comp. A. Robinson.
Missouri	R. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson
Montana	R. E. Comp. J. Cleave.
Oregon	R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee.
Oklahoma	M. E. Comp. J. V. Follett.
Pennsylvania	R. E. Comp. H. W. Ford.
Quebec	R. E. Comp. A. B. McGurdy.
Saskatchewan	M. E. Comp. A. Davison.
South Dakota	R. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.
Tennessee	R. E. Comp. C. T. Valentine.
Texas	R. E. Comp. A. Carr.
Vermont	M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.
West Australia	R. E. Comp. P. Fielding
West Virginia	R. E. Comp. F. J. Hand.
Wyoming	R. E. Comp. W. W. Bell.

Letters were received from the following Representatives: New South Wales, R. E. Companion H. C. Neal; New York, M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, and Ohio, R. E. Companion J. H. Richardson.

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

I also have to convey the greetings of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, and on behalf of M. E. Companion Coote, from the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, and on behalf of R. E. Companion Neal, from the Grand Chapter of Victoria.

M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee:

Most Excellent Sir—On behalf of the Grand Bodies here represented and who have the privilege of extending to you this morning their sincere greetings, I wish to say we appreciate very much the warm welcome you have extended to us. We congratulate you on your peaceful and harmonious year and sincerely trust that this will be an enjoyable and profitable convocation. Also may I add that the harmonious and cordial relations which have ever existed between the Grand Bodies in Canada and the United States and throughout the rest of the world, will, we hope, be more closely consolidated. Thank you.

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

Excellent Companions, I am very pleased indeed to receive your kind greetings. I trust you will convey to your various jurisdictions which you represent our best fraternal respects, expressing to them our hope and our assurance that the harmonious relations that now exist will continue for the benefit of the world at large and the benefit of our Companions. Thank you.

On the motion of M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, having been printed and distributed they be referred to the committee on Audit and Finance.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

Grand Chapter was called off at 10:17 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Alberta, Most Worshipful Brother Victor Harold Macaulay.

Grand Chapter having been called off Most Excellent Companion M. M. Downey, himself a Past Grand Master, entered the Chapter room escorting the Grand Master, several Past Grand Masters and the Junior Grand Warden, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey:

Most Excellent Companion Sandilands, Brethren and Companions, it is a great pleasure for me at this moment to present our Grand Master. He is accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother Kemmis, Most Worshipful Brother Kerby, Most Worshipful Brother Blair, Most Worshipful Brother Connacher, all Past Grand Masters of our jurisdiction, and by Right Worshipful Brother Moore, our Junior Grand Warden.

In presenting Most Worshipful Brother Macaulay I assure you that it is a great pleasure for me to do so. We have been associated in this province for many years in Grand Lodge. We have been associated together in this city in the past for many years in active work in Craft Masonry. We have seen considerable of each other and know each other fairly well. In commending him to you for welcome this morning it is fitting that he should be a kind of connecting link between us and the celebration which is to take place on May 12th and for which we are going to hold a service this afternoon. Most Worshipful Brother Macaulay was present at the installation of His Majesty King George VI, when he was heir presumptive to the British throne, as Grand Master of Scotland, and he has certainly told them over there where Alberta is.

We are delighted to have Most Worshipful Brother Macaulay I am sure and I commend him to you for welcome.

(The Grand Honours were given nine times.)

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

Most Worshipful Brother Macaulay, we are pleased to have you with us this morning as the Grand Master of Alberta. We are grateful to you for sparing the time to visit us.

I was raised and exalted in England and I feel somewhat diffident in welcoming the Grand Master of Craft Masonry of which the Holy Royal Arch is an integral part. The link, the Masonic link which joins the Master Mason degree with this order has no doubt in some parts been strained; one must admit that it has almost been strained to breaking point, but your presence here today stirs up a hope, and I trust it is a portent, that that link will be restored to its original strength; that we will work together in closer communion for the welfare of mankind.

I will be grateful if you will come to the East.

M. W. Brother Macaulay:

Most Excellent Sir and Brethren, I thank you, Sir, and Most Worshipful Brother Downey for the very kind personal words which have been spoken of myself and those representatives of our Grand Body who have accompanied me. We thank you sincerely for the very warm and cordial welcome extended to the Grand Master. Indeed I think it very kind and very thoughtful of your body to honor the Grand Lodge of Alberta by inviting the Grand Master to be here this morning. I think it is more than fitting that it should be represented and I am very deeply pleased to extend to you and the assembled brethren, many of whom I recognize from the four corners of the Province, the sincere greetings of Grand Lodge. May I express the wish that your deliberations will be profitable and engender a fellowship of Masonry which shall be enduring.

It is probably to be regretted that my presence among you must be for a moment or two only for I am not one of you. It would seem that I am monogamous by instinct. That seems to be rather a rare bird in the world today, at least in some avenues of human endeavor. However, it is probably my misfortune that I am so disposed. In spite of that though, may I say that Freemasonry as such has a rare and vital interest in those super-imposed organizations which find themselves more or less affiliated with Craft Masonry. Unfortunately I think the gamut has run too far in some directions and we do find in the land to the South of us there are some twenty-six organizations which have

super-imposed themselves on Craft Masonry. I sometimes wonder what would be the resultant edifice if the structure were commenced with the foundation and main front designed by one architect, the second story by another architect and then someone with garish ideas adorned it with spires and towers all different. One type of roof, a different front, another type of side and a different gable. I think it would be a structure we would not be particularly proud of and so I feel that Craft Masonry has been unduly burdened by a number of organizations. Fortunately we are not so burdened in Canada. On the occasion of the bi-centenary in Scotland I had occasion to meet representatives of the United States and with them I did confer on the subject, but this is neither the time nor the opportunity to speak of that.

The Craft has always regarded the organization you represent as a concomitant part of the Craft itself and I think probably, after my observations and experience it is to be regretted that the hiatus of this continent has taken place so that a barrier has arisen in this land which does not exist in the Old Land.

I just want to leave one thought with you. Some time ago in one Grand Jurisdiction a questionnaire was sent abroad among the brethren of the jurisdiction asking the question "Has the public the same regard for Masonry now as it had a generation ago?" It is rather a difficult question to answer. I do not propose to give you the conclusions reached from the questionnaire but I do want you to be thinking about it. I will say this, the answer is in part dependent upon our joint reputations as men and Masons. Unfortunately there are some members of Craft Masonry who find themselves in positions of responsibility in super-imposed organizations who have not always conducted themselves as becomes a Craft Mason and, as the Persian poet wrote:

*"The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."*

—Omar Khayyam.

And so it was some several months ago we found our jurisdiction had been flooded with lottery tickets emanating from one of those organizations. This matter of gambling and lotteries has been a problem for many years with those who have the true interest and reputation of Freemasonry at heart.

The Grand Jurisdiction from which these tickets emanated immediately communicated with our Grand Lodge in Alberta. These tickets spread over the whole of Canada. It was only a few days until our Grand Secretary was besieged with complaints from all over the jurisdiction. He sent word immediately to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada from whose territory these tickets had been issued by one of the superimposed organizations, and he immediately took steps to suppress this thing down there; but as I say it is just like trying to stop an avalanche, for having been started it can never be recalled and so today Freemasonry must hang its head in shame as a result of that lapse.

And, too, it seems as though when these lapses occur they become armaments which strengthen the attacks of those who are always in opposition to us, and it was in this city we found these tickets in the possession of members of another organization. I have no brief to attack that organization. I believe they are estimable so far as their

people and church are concerned but it is most unfortunate for the honor and reputation of Freemasonry that such a thing should occur.

Now I do just want to say this and leave it with you, that your organization and other organizations associated with Freemasonry, of an honorable character, have a joint responsibility to maintain the honor, integrity and reputation of Craft Masonry. We today are the heirs of a Masonic heritage which was erected in western Europe and the Old Land in the middle centuries. I had occasion to visit many grand cathedrals erected by our Masonic forebears and deep in the crypts of those cathedrals I was taken and shown some things more significant to you than they were to me but I want to make this point; the brethren who were responsible for those edifices had a view and conception of Masonry which I think it would be well for us who perpetuate them in this day and generation to follow. Your body and Craft Masonry have alike the responsibility of maintaining its honor and reputation, fair and unsullied, and of transmitting our heritage to those who follow. May we uphold it and pass it on as we have received it.

I believe it is to be my privilege to speak to you this evening. May I express once more my hope that your gathering here will be harmonious and profitable. Thank you.

(Prolonged applause).

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

Most Worshipful Sir, again may I thank you for coming here this morning and, Sir, on behalf of the Companions I say we certainly appreciate what you have said. I hope it will bear fruit. I know we all concur in your remarks. Thank you.

Most Worshipful Brother Macaulay and the Brethren who accompanied him then retired and Grand Chapter was called on again at 10:38 a.m.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin and M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, that all nominations for the election of Grand Chapter officers for the ensuing year should be in the hands of Grand Scribe E. by 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter,
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

My Companions:

Another year has passed and we are now assembled for the business of our Twenty-third Annual Convocation. I cordially welcome you all; to those who are attending for the first time I trust that the meeting will be an inspiration and that they will not hesitate to join in our discussions, to the older members of Grand Chapter I extend my thanks, we appreciate the fact that their attendance is probably at some inconvenience to themselves, it shows their interest is not waning, that, and their sound advice, founded on their experience, is of inestimable value.

I pray that the Most High will guide us in our work to-day so that all our doings may find favor in His sight and redound to His honor and glory.

During the year just past the world has been in a state of turmoil and unrest, none has dared to portray the outcome. I am convinced that our Brethren and Companions in high places—practising to the full our Masonic principles—have exerted no little influence towards preserving peace and goodwill. Never was this exhibited to a greater extent than when the British Commonwealth of Nations was called upon to make a momentous decision last December. The Anglo-Saxon races of the world are now more closely united than ever before. Later, you will be asked to approve a resolution expressing fealty and loyalty to the British Throne. I have requested M. E. Companion Canon Middleton to prepare and conduct a short service in keeping with the near approach of the Coronation.

NECROLOGY

Previous to proceeding with the ordinary business of Grand Chapter it is right and proper that we stand a moment in silence and respect to the memory of Companions who have passed beyond the Veil into the presence of the Great I AM, there to serve Him in a larger sphere—in the beauty of Holiness. We extend our sincere sympathy to all those, both of our own and sister jurisdictions, who have lost their dear ones; may the Great Comforter console them in their troubles.

*Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so:
For those, whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow,
Die not, poor Death; nor yet can'st thou kill me.*

*From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
 Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow
 And soonest our best men with thee do go—
 Rest of their bones, and souls' delivery.
 Thou'rt slave to fate, chance, kings and desperate men
 And dost with poison, war and sickness dwell;
 And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well,
 And better than thy stroke. Why swell'st thou then?
 One short sleep past, we wake eternally;
 And death shall be no more; Death thou shalt die.*

A report in detail will be submitted by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

VISITATIONS

I had the privilege of attending the eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia in Nanaimo last June. I was most heartily welcomed and delightfully entertained. The Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Trench, on behalf of the Companions, said how pleased they were to have me with them and requested me to convey their warmest fraternal greetings to Alberta Grand Chapter.

I regret that I could not personally accept the invitation to be at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba on February 10th. However, our Grand Second Principal very kindly agreed to represent us there; he reported—to use his own words—

We had a wonderful time; three hundred and one were present at the banquet, of whom forty were Craft Lodge members. Distinguished visitors present were:

M. E. Companion K. S. Munro, from Minnesota.
 R. E. Companion Duncan MacDonald, from Minnesota.
 M. E. Companion Floyd B. Beckwith, from Iowa.
 M. E. Companion E. E. Dusenberry, from Iowa.
 M. E. Companion F. H. Goldstone, from North Dakota.
 R. E. Companion W. B. Hooker, from Saskatchewan, and
 R. E. Companion A. D. McCormick, from Minneapolis.

I am sure that Alberta was worthily represented. Before we part, perhaps R. E. Companion Minchin may have something to add regarding his visit.

I had looked forward to attending Saskatchewan Grand Chapter, but we have anticipated the date of our own Convocation and that meeting is yet to be. I was disappointed that I could not accept invitations to be at the triennial meeting of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America at St. Louis in October, the annual convocations of the Grand Chapters of Wyoming, Michigan and Canada in Ontario.

The following constituent Chapters were visited officially:

Mt. Horeb, on May 27th, when I installed their second Principal.
 Edson on September 26th, some thirty Edmonton companions made the journey and conferred the M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees.

Norwood on October 1st.

Alberta, No. 1, on October 12th.
 Tau Cross, on October 13th.
 Calgary, No. 11, on October 14th.
 Joseph Stauffer, on November 4th.
 Otuskwan, on November 5th.
 Strathcona, on November 19th.
 Vermilion, on February 9th.
 Capital City, on February 12th.
 North Star, on March 2nd.
 Keystone, on March 23rd.

Also, I was privileged to be present at the fortieth anniversary celebration of North Star Chapter on September 28th. I installed their officers on December 2nd. December 16th, I installed the officers of my own Chapter—Strathcona—R. E. Companions Minchin and McCurdy acting as H and J respectively—an unique event. January 8th I installed the officers of Capital City Chapter and performed a like service for Norwood Chapter on February 4th. I attended the meetings of all the Edmonton Chapters fairly regularly. I had hoped to go to quite a few other constituent Chapters, but ill health kept me close home for a considerably time and I had to restrict my visits to those within easy distance of Edmonton. R. E. Companion Minchin met the companions of Assiniboia and Shekinah Chapters, told them that it was very doubtful whether I could visit them and conveyed my best wishes. At the request of Otuskwan Chapter I called on two of its members resident in Edmonton, R. E. Companion Thos. Rankin, whom most of you know, and Companion Belyea, the former had been ill for several weeks but was most cheerful and very pleased to see me and R. E. Companion McCurdy who accompanied me. To Companion Belyea, a man of about eighty-seven years of age, I had the pleasure of presenting a Life Membership Certificate from his Otuskwan companions. He was delighted and entertained us with anecdotes and such for quite a while.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I am glad to say that I was able to be present at all the District Meetings, viz.:

District No. 5, on October 15th, at Pincher Creek.
 District Nos. 3 and 4, on October 16th, at Calgary.
 District No. 1, on November 2nd, at Killam.
 District No. 2, on November 6th, at Hanna.
 District No. 6, on November 27th, at Edmonton.

The attendance at these meetings was fair but not all that could be wished. Details will be given in the various Grand Superintendents' reports. There were very few questions submitted; our present books of work and constitution are so comprehensive that little is left for an instructor to do. Yet these Chapters of Instruction serve a good purpose and on no account should they be discontinued; there is no better opportunity to discuss suggested amendments to the Constitution and other matters which may be mooted with the idea of benefiting our Royal Craft in Alberta. I was privileged to address the companions at each of the meetings and tried to impress upon them the necessity of courage to carry on when the outlook appears dark and the importance of ever remembering that a companion's public

and private behavior either detracts from or enhances the reputation of Masonry. The exemplary character exhibited by our present members is the attraction that will add to our numbers. Grand Superintendents were elected and I am pleased to recommend that Grand Chapter confirm the election of:

- V. E. Companion W. W. Bell as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.
- E. Companion J. Winkler as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.
- E. Companion F. Bentley as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4.
- E. Companion J. L. Trotman as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5.
- E. Companion J. Cleveley as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6.

During the weeks that followed the election in District No. 3, I had so many representations made to me regarding the doubtful ability of the Companion elected to fulfil the duties of that important office satisfactorily, that I appointed a special committee to investigate. The report of that committee was such that I cannot do otherwise than decline to confirm the election. I trust that Grand Chapter will support that decision. District No. 3 will meet immediately after we call off for lunch for the purpose of holding another election.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The absence from the Jurisdiction of R. E. Companion Plasteras left the office of Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of New South Wales vacant. I suggested the name of R. E. Companion Harry C. Neal as his successor. This was confirmed by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.

I approved of the appointments of Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters—

- Colorado—Companion Robert R. Adams.
- Minnesota—Companion Angus D. McCormick.
- Washington—Companion Hugh F. McNiven.
- Texas—Companion Ellis W. Henderson.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- Mt. Horeb, No. 6—To install out of time.
- Mt. Horeb, No. 6—To change date of Regular Convocation.
- Vermilion, No. 14—To change date of Regular Convocation.
- Edson, No. 30—To confer the three degrees at one meeting on the same candidates.
- Keystone, No. 12—To elect and install at the December Convocation.
- Eheyeh, No. 27—To change date of Regular Convocation.
- Eheyeh, No. 27—To change date of Regular Convocation.
- Hiram, No. 19—To elect as First Principal one who has not served as Second Principal.
- Otuskwan, No. 9—To hold a joint Installation with Calgary Chapter, No. 11, in King George Masonic Temple.
- Capital City, No. 13—To elect and install out of time.
- Norwood, No. 18—To elect and install out of time.
- Stratheona, No. 25—To invest out of time.

North Star No. 2—To change date of Regular Convocation.
 Coronation, No. 23—To install out of time.
 Kether, No. 8—To change the hour of Regular Convocation.

I have a word to say regarding Dispensations. They always mean a departure from regulations and should be avoided as far as possible. I am sure that Grand Chapter will agree with me there, although they do add a small amount to our revenue. Weather conditions are responsible for the majority of requests and I would recommend to the serious consideration of both Grand and constituent Chapters the changing of Bylaws so that Installations will be held when more propitious weather is likely to prevail. I also find that there are ten Chapters whose election or installation days might clash with either Christmas or New Year; a slight change in bylaws would avoid dispensations there.

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER BYLAWS APPROVED

Vermilion, No. 14—To permit members, affiliating with other Chapters, who wish to retain membership in this Chapter, to pay only half the regular dues.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24—Adoption of Standard Bylaws with necessary changes.

Hanna, No. 28—To reduce the exaltation fee from fifty to thirty-five dollars.

Strathcona, No. 25—To adopt Standard Bylaws with necessary changes.

RULINGS

Advice has been asked on frequent occasions, but I have had to make no decisions save the unfortunate one already referred to regarding the superintendent elect of District No. 3. I am pleased to say that unanimity and harmony are prevalent throughout the jurisdiction.

GENERAL

My Companions, the foregoing is an account of my stewardship as your Grand First Principal. I have endeavored to the best of my ability, to perform the duties of that high office, with propriety and in a manner that would sustain the prestige and reputation of the Royal Craft. At my installation last year I promised to do my best; I have done so; if I have failed in any particular I am sorry. Before closing this address I desire to make an appeal to you all, and though you to every Companion of our various Chapters, to work wholeheartedly for the good of our Order, to make sacrifices occasionally to help place Royal Arch Masonry where it should be—the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. We have too many members who give their time to branches and sidelines, neglecting their Lodge and Chapter, having used them for little else than stepping-stones. I say nothing against these branches, a man's conscience must be his guide, but I do say in all sincerity, that the Lodge and Chapter should take precedence over all, whether Orders of Chivalry, superimposed rites or social sidelines.

I am no pessimist, but one can hardly be optimistic with regard to the future of Royal Arch Masonry in this province unless we get out of the rut we appear to have fallen into; yet even so, our outlook is not so dark compared with some. What can we do, collectively

and individually, to enhance the reputation of our noble Order? We can endeavor to show to the outside world and particularly to our Craft Brethren, that there is something worth while in being a Royal Arch Mason, that as such there is a stabilising influence behind us and an incentive to give of our very best, that we feel obligated not only to be of service to each other as companions but that we are ever ready to assist the poor and needy, the distressed widow and helpless orphan, that whatever our position in life may be, our every action and our conversation should tend to the betterment of those with whom we associate. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." It is better to act a sermon than to preach one—we can all do the former. Companions, it is imperative that we wake up, we have slumbered too long.

During the year past I have noted with pleasure the determination of some Chapters to keep the flag flying in spite of set-backs. It is an example that all should follow. Another gratifying phase is the closer companionship that is being engendered between various Chapters, visiting in numbers, helping to confer degrees, taking trips to outlying towns from the larger centres, and entertaining those who rarely get an opportunity to attend other than their own Chapters. Friendly gestures such as these are most encouraging and, perhaps, are a sign of awakening interest. Let us hope so and do our share to carry the torch forward with its flame still brightly burning.

We have to report a decrease in membership. While numbers are not all-important, the situation requires serious thought. Suspensions and demits are our chief trouble. With respect to the former, every constituent Chapter should devise some means by which any of its worthy companions who meet with misfortune may be kept in good standing. Indifference, culminating in members taking their demits or allowing themselves to be suspended, though quite able to pay their dues, is a far more difficult problem to deal with. One reason for this indifference is the fact that, not infrequently, candidates are unfavorably impressed when taking the degrees. I give you an example: A P.P.D.G.M. told me that when he was advanced, there was continual prompting of the officers; none knew his work nor could render it as he (the candidate) had expected it to be done; it was next to impossible to arouse his enthusiasm. We are taught to reflect on the most important of human studies, "the knowledge of ourselves." How many of us, whilst aspiring to high office, consider whether we can fulfil the duties of such with dignity and decorum? Let every companion so study and try to make himself perfect, that at any time he may be able to assist his Master when requested, yet always be ready and willing to give way to another who is more proficient and capable than himself. The chief qualifications of a presiding officer are to keep harmony in his Chapter, be able to manage the business and to know the rules and regulations; he should not feel it incumbent upon him, personally, to confer any degree when he knows that he has willing companions who can bring out the beauty of our ritual and leave a lasting impression on our candidates. Every Chapter should employ its very best talent when conferring degrees. First impressions are most important and even one officer failing in his work, mutilating the "King's English," stammering, and having to be prompted, will spoil the whole ceremony from a candidate's point of view and it is he that should be considered. It is not even worth while attempting the work unless you are satisfied that it will be done properly. Occasionally, mixed teams chosen from several Chapters, will confer degrees; there is then a spirit of emulation and an effort

on the part of every officer to be as perfect as possible; the resultant ceremony is an inspiration.

I have not dealt with the monetary problem; I believe that will right itself in due time.

I would recommend that every Chapter set apart evenings, now and then, for what are generally known as "Round the table conferences." These are of real material benefit to any organization; different opinions are aired and various suggestions made, which are of much help to the officers. I believe it would be to our advantage if the District Meetings were conducted more along these lines and would even suggest to my successor that he endeavor, occasionally, to arrange such get-togethers for Grand Chapter officers, when, without the formality attending a Regular Convocation, the future of Royal Arch Masonry in this province could be talked over, and remedies for present troubles submitted and criticised.

Finally, my brethren, I desire to express my deepest gratitude for the assistance and encouragement that have been extended to me everywhere, and by you all. Grand Officers have accompanied me on my visits whenever possible; companions have taken their cars on long journeys for my particular benefit; in short they have been anxious to do everything in their power to make my tenure of office a happy one. I am mentioning no names: you have all combined to help in every way, from the eldest Past Grand Principal and the present Grand Officers to the youngest companion, and all are equally entitled to my gratitude.

Soon, I shall be relinquishing the Sceptre to one who I am confident will add lustre to the high office of Grand First Principal. I know that you will give him, gladly, and in full measure, the support that you have extended to me.

*So build we up the Being that we are;
Thus deeply drinking in the soul of things,
We shall be wise perforce; and, while inspired
By choice, and conscious that the Will is free,
Shall move unswerving, even as if impelled
By strict necessity, along the path
Of order and of good. Whate'er we see,
Or feel, shall tend to quicken and refine;
Shall fix, in calmer seats of moral strength,
Earthly desires; and raise, to loftier heights
Of divine love, our intellectual soul.*

Companions, again I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

H. SANDILANDS,
Grand First Principal.

On the motion of M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the address of the Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Lougheed, Alberta, March 15th, 1937.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit, for your consideration and approval my report of the Chapters in District No. 1.

Fortunately I was able to visit every Chapter in District No. 1 at least once officially.

To sum up the conditions of Capitulary Masonry in District No. 1, I would say it compares favourably with that of the last few years.

My official visits to the Chapters was as follows:

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14

I visited this Chapter on October 13th accompanied by R. E. Companion W. J. Haynes, E. Companions F. B. Kirkman, W. Smith Jr., Wm. Murray, and Companion E. T. Lake, all of Mount Olivet Chapter.

The regular business of the Chapter was conducted by the officers in a very capable manner. This Chapter is very fortunate in having a Scribe E. who takes a great interest in his duties, his books and records are well kept. The officers are all enthusiastic and, with the guiding hand of M. E. Companion Morrison, are steadily making progress.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6

On November 25th I visited this Chapter at Wetaskiwin accompanied by several companions from Mount Olivet Chapter.

The Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred on two candidates in a very able manner by the officers of this Chapter.

This Chapter is making progress after a period of depressed times. The books and records are well kept by Scribe E. and are in good order.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17

This being my home Chapter I attended every convocation and made my official visit on December 17th. The membership of this Chapter is not very large and is widely scattered, however, the officers are striving to carry on under these conditions. I assisted R. E. Companion W. J. Haynes with the installation of the officers. The books and records are well kept by the Scribe E.

North Star Chapter, No. 2

I visited North Star Chapter, No. 2, on February 3rd and was accompanied by M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, Grand First Principal, and other Grand Chapter Officers.

This was the most notable convocation of the year as the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on three candidates by M. E. Companion A. West, assisted by other Grand Chapter Officers, in a very impressive manner.

Scribe E., R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, is to be congratulated on the manner in which the books and records are kept.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25

I visited this Chapter on February 18th accompanied by M. E. Companion H. Sandilands and other Grand Chapter Officers.

The officers conferred the Mark Master Degree on one candidate in a most impressive and able manner. Great care is taken by this Chapter with degree work.

The books and records are very ably kept by R. E. Companion O. J. Barker.

Annual District Meeting

The Annual District Meeting of District No. 1 was held at Killam on November 2nd.

The meeting was attended by representatives from nearly every Chapter. Twenty-eight companions signed the register. The meeting was opened by the First Principal of Mount Olivet Chapter, E. Companion Wm. Murray, and his officers. R. E. Companion Frank Grandage, District Superintendent, presided and welcomed the Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, and other Grand Chapter Officers.

After the business procedure the Grand First Principal gave an address on "Why Masonry Seemed to be Lagging." R. E. Companion Tipp exemplified the floor work in the M.E.M. Degree to the satisfaction of all.

During the evening the election of a District Superintendent for the ensuing year resulted in V. E. Companion W. W. Bell of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, being elected.

The meeting was closed by the officers of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.

In conclusion I wish to thank the companions of District No. 1 for the high honor they conferred on me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. I also desire to express my thanks to the Companions for their co-operation, and for making my visits both pleasant and enjoyable.

Fraternally submitted.

FRANK GRANDAGE,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report for the past year on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 2.

I have visited all the Chapters in the District at least once. It would have pleased me very much if I had been able to repeat my visits to some Chapters but owing to the severity of the winter, the bad conditions of the roads, and the long distances to be travelled, I found it quite impossible to accomplish my intended programme.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19

On June 24th, 1936, accompanied by R. E. Companions Fitzsimmons and Cameron, E. Companions Nicol and Dutton, and Companions Teasdale and Webb, I made my official visit to Hiram Chapter, No. 19.

The attendance was small and no work was done, but the records were well kept and their financial condition good. This Chapter is finding it very hard to function and at times has difficulty in getting a quorum, due to the fact that a number of companions have had to leave the district because of excessive drought. In spite of their hardships we had a very enjoyable visit.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23

On October 27th, 1936, accompanied by E. Companions Nicol, Dutton and Irving, and Companions Teasdale and Webb, I officially visited Coronation Chapter, No. 23.

They are having a very difficult time to operate, due principally to the general depression and the several crop failures experienced here. Several of the members have transferred to other districts. At my visit, a truly admirable spirit was shown in that there was a full attendance—eight—of every member at present in the district, and they are to be complimented in the fortitude shown.

Eheye Chapter, No. 27

As Eheye is my own Chapter, I have attended all meetings with the exception of one.

I am very pleased to state that this Chapter is very much alive and is making good progress. Their books are neat, well kept and posted to date. There is a membership of 73 and an average attendance of 25.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28

On May 28th, 1936, accompanied by the officers and a number of Companions of Eheye Chapter I made my official visit. This Chapter is making splendid progress and is to be congratulated on the excellence of its work. The M.M.M. Degree was conferred on the occasion of this visit. The various books and records of this Chapter are neat, well kept and posted to date.

Again on October 21st, 1936, accompanied by officers and a number of Companions of Eheye Chapter, I visited Hanna, No. 28, when the work of the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred on a candidate by officers of Eheye Chapter.

District Meeting

The District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction was held in the Hanna Masonic Hall at Hanna, on November 6th, 1936, at 8 p.m. The Chapter was opened by the officers of Eheye Chapter, No. 27,

of Drumheller. The Grand Superintendent was officially received and heartily welcomed by the E. First Principal, E. Companion A. Nicol.

Having been received I took charge of the meeting and requested R. E. Companion J. Odell to retire and introduce The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion H. Sandilands, who was accompanied by V. E. Companion C. Christian, G.J.S. This being done the Most Excellent Companion was given the grand honors and escorted to the East. He expressed his pleasure in his hearty reception and requested that business be proceeded with. The minutes of the last District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction were read and confirmed. E. Companion J. M. Winkler, of Hanna Chapter, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1937.

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal addressed the meeting giving a splendid detailed account of conditions as he found them when visiting the various districts.

The meeting was closed by R. E. Companion Odell, First Principal of Hanna Chapter, in the First Principal's Chair. It was a matter for regret that owing to the inclement weather we were not able to be joined by Hiram and Coronation Chapters. A very pleasant time followed in the banquet room where an enjoyable supper and excellent programme were provided.

In conclusion I wish to thank every Companion in the District as well as the Grand Officers, for the support and assistance rendered me during my term of office. It has been, I assure you, an honor and a pleasure to serve as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2, and I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me. For my successor, E. Companion J. M. Winkler, I would ask a continuance of the support and companionship that have made my task a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. HARRISON,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 3

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3 for the past year.

I have officially visited all of the Chapters in this district, some of them twice. At all times they have received me with the honors due the office. On all of my visits a fine spirit of comradeship has been apparent among the members.

May 6th, 1936, Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary.—This Chapter has a fine slate of officers. While they had no degree work all of the Companions present showed an interest in the business of the evening. I addressed the Companions on "The Spirit of Masonry," and took up with them the question of unpaid dues. I have to thank R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion F. W.

Keyte, Past Grand Superintendent, and V. E. Companion J. Brown, for accompanying me on this visit.

May 21st, 1936, Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff.—On this visit I was accompanied by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G.S.E., R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, P.G.S., V. E. Companion J. Brown, V. E. Companion G. L. McHenry, Grand Chapter of Canada, and others.

This Chapter is officered by Companions who take a very keen interest in their work and it was a pleasure to meet the members present. My address on "Masonry and What It Stands For," was very well received. After the Chapter closed a pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table.

June 23rd, 1936, Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River.—I was accompanied by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G.S.E., R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, V. E. Companion J. Brown, V. E. Companion G. L. McHenry and E. Companion T. B. Donald.

This Chapter has a fine slate of officer who take great interest in their work. I addressed the Companions on "The Spirit of Masonry," and took up with them the question of outstanding dues. With better conditions this matter of unpaid dues will disappear. A splendid spirit was in evidence.

June 3rd, 1936, Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury.—On this visit I was accompanied by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G.S.E.; R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, V. E. Companion J. Brown, E. Companion T. B. Donald, and V. E. Companion G. L. McHenry and others.

Weather conditions were fine but at that time crop conditions were not too hopeful. It was then too early to forecast the crop yield but there was a feeling that it would not be great. This proved only too true. However, the Companions were not downhearted. Bad conditions have been weathered before, perhaps not quite so bad but bad enough, and they have come up smiling. They will, I feel sure, come through 1937 in better shape for it is seldom that this district suffers more than two years at a time. This is a fine Chapter; the officers are well up in their work and it was a pleasure to see the business conducted.

September 22nd, 1936, Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer.—I had the pleasure of the company of R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G.S.E.; R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, and V. E. Companion J. Brown on this occasion. The weather was chilly and the rain very heavy. Had this rain been two months earlier what a blessing it would have been.

This Chapter is under a splendid slate of officers and they appear to be well up in the conduct of their business. In common with the rest of the Chapters this Chapter has a large list of arrears but, like the others, a good crop in 1937 will alleviate this condition.

I addressed the Companions on "Masonry from its Capitular angle" and the Companions who accompanied me also had some encouraging messages for the Companions of Keystone. It was a splendid convocation.

November 11th, 1936, Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary.--I was accompanied by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, P.G.Z.; R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, G.S.E., and V. E. Companion G. L. McHenry.

This is my own Chapter and I have attended all of its convocations during the year. The occasion of my official visit was "Past Principals' Night." There was a fine turnout of members and visitors. A candidate was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. Although I took a part in the work I must say the old guard did well. It was a pleasure to watch the work done.

This Chapter has a fine body of Companions, in office as well as on the side. They too are having troubles with dues.

We had a very pleasurable evening.

The Annual Chapter of Instruction and District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, 12th Avenue West, Calgary, on the evening of Friday, October 16th, 1936. Districts Nos. 3 and 4 joined together for this occasion.

The meeting was opened by the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. The Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, R. E. Companion A. T. Spankie, and myself, were introduced to the meeting by R. E. Companion W. Pearson; accorded Grand Honours and invited to the East to take charge of the meeting. R. E. Companion Spankie took the chair of Zerubabell. R. E. Companion C. Comba and V. E. Companion O. W. Harris were requested to retire and introduce the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and other Grand Chapter officers. Most Excellent Companion Sandilands was introduced and tendered Grand Honours and escorted to the East. The Grand Z. acknowledged the kind greetings, returned the Sceptre and the business was proceeded with.

The minutes of the previous District Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chapter was then called off for the Chapters to elect the Grand Superintendent for 1937. Excellent Companion C. Stone of Keystone Chapter, No. 3, was declared elected subject to the approval of the Grand Z.

Most Excellent Companion Sandilands now addressed the Companions on "Can we stop the decline in Royal Arch Masonry?" This address was listened to with great interest and respect and it left a deep impression on the gathering.

R. E. Companion A. T. Spankie thanked the Grand Z. for his remarks.

The reports of each Chapter were then called for. All the Principals for the Chapters in District No. 3 reported for their Chapters on conditions as they found them.

This concluded the business of the District Meeting which was closed by the officers of Crescent Chapter. The Companions retired to the Banquet room where a pleasant evening was finished with speech and song.

All of the Chapters in this District have had difficulties during the past several years on account of dues. I brought up the matter of dues on each of my official visits. They are meeting their problems as

broadly and charitably as possible, endeavoring to preserve a just balance between their companions who are "up against it" and their duty to and the welfare of the Chapter. Nevertheless it is a strain and worry upon the officers. However, an optimistic spirit prevails and a crop this year and improving conditions will considerably help the situation. Several Chapters this year have candidates which also helps both financially and in maintaining the interest and attendance of the Companions.

In conclusion I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Companions of District No. 3 for electing me to this office; to the Companions who so very kindly accompanied me on my various visits; to the Companions of the individual Chapters for their kindnesses and courtesies to me, and to R. E. Companion Keyte for the very considerable amount of work he has done for me in the capacity of a secretary.

Yours fraternally,

T. W. MATTHEWS,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 3.

April 10th, 1937, Calgary, Alberta.

DISTRICT No. 4

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report for the past Grand Chapter year, as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4. To have had the privilege of occupying the office has created for me a year of enjoyment, capitular education, and renewed devotion to Chapter interests.

During my term of office I visited each Chapter of my District twice officially as Grand Superintendent and paid other visits to the City Chapters.

Speaking generally, I might say, that while the crop conditions in the rural districts have greatly retarded the growth of the Chapters therein, it has been an inspiration to witness the enthusiasm and optimism of those Chapters which always constitute the backbone of every organization.

Some Chapters have gone through most trying times—such as continued bad crops, removal of members, financial difficulties, and yet the stamina of those carrying on the work is really marvelous. To have had the opportunity of receiving such enthusiastic welcomes and to note the friendliness and companionship of those constituting the various Chapter memberships has been a privilege indeed.

I would like to point out that it is not necessarily the numbers of Companions composing a Chapter who make Capitular Masonry most valuable to the region in which it is situated but the character, outlook and dogged perseverance of those who remain its support in adverse circumstances.

Each Chapter of my District has evidenced a keen interest in all that pertains to Capitular Masonry and all have expressed the determination to carry on.

I can sincerely say that the spirit of Capitular Masonry is very much alive in my District and that from now on the Chapters will experience increased membership and easier conditions.

Several Companions have accompanied me on my visits, I thank them all; I mention particularly R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, Grand H., who accompanied me upon all my visits except one, when other Masonic duties called him out of the City. He was a great companion and an able and willing advisor. R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E., also accompanied me on practically all my visits and was a great help to the Chapters.

The following is a detailed report of my official visits:

Alberta Chapter, No. 1

On May 11th I paid my first visit to Alberta, No. 1, the attendance being very satisfactory. I had the pleasure of delivering an address on the History of the Holy Royal Arch. On November 9th I paid a second visit to this Chapter, on the occasion of their Past Principals' Night. There was no degree work, but I had the privilege of delivering an address to those present. Attendance 58. This Chapter is in excellent condition—a worthy member of District No. 4—and one that will, in the coming year, benefit greatly by the endeavours of officers and Companions of the past year.

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, has experienced increased membership and vigor during the year 1937 and ranks in importance with any Chapter in the district.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9

I paid my first official visit to this Chapter on May 7th. There was a good attendance—60 being present. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was most capably exemplified. I had the honor of delivering an address to an attentive membership.

On February 4th, 1937, I paid a second official visit at the regular meeting of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, when 55 were present. I delivered an address on "The Origin of Masonry, Speculative Masonry and the Origin of the Holy Royal Arch," which was well received.

This Chapter is in excellent condition. Its members are enthusiastic and sincere—qualities which always attract—and it will experience increased membership with each added year.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10

On June 9th when I visited Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, the side roads were bad, due to rain, hindering some of the Companions from attending. We had 20 present. A nice time, and they spoke in appreciation of an appropriate address delivered.

On November 10th I again visited this Chapter, accompanied by many city Companions. There were 45 present and a most enjoyable and beneficial evening was spent. I again delivered an address suitable to the occasion. We had a most enjoyable banquet hour and many of

the accompanying Excellent Companions spoke upon matters of interests to Bow Valley Chapter.

This Chapter is alive and active. It is blessed with an excellent secretary and stands on the threshold of a new era when agricultural conditions improve.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21

On June 26th I visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. Many Companions from Gleichen and Bassano accompanied me. It was a splendid meeting—in fact, it was such a meeting as would have thrilled Grand Chapter, had it been their annual meeting.

While I had the opportunity of delivering an address—inspirational and I trust, appropriate—the real value of the gathering was the mingling of so many Companions from different Chapters, and the banquet following the meeting, when good fellowship and pleasing entertainment abounded. This was indeed a meeting such as would warm the heart of all Masons, and a reminder of the very great interest taken by Strathmore Chapter—the home of that living exponent of all that is good in Capitular Masonry—Most Excellent Companion W. E. Mercer.

Companions were present from all Chapters of the district to the number of 86 on the record, but I fear that in spite of the Tyler's efforts about 40 more got by the register.

This meeting was the most outstanding among my visitations, and my thanks and my best wishes for a future of success go out to this Chapter which acceded to my wishes and brought together the combined spirit of our District—again demonstrating that where the heart is, there also is the spirit, so that I cannot help saying to Strathmore Chapter, No. 21: “Go ye forth into all the World and preach the Gospel’ of Capitular Masonry.”

I again had the pleasure of officially visiting this Chapter on November 12th when I was accompanied by four Companions. I delivered an address appropriate to the Chapter Welfare, following which we enjoyed a friendly banquet.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26

On May 27th, when I paid my first visit to this Chapter, the weather was very warm and clear. There were ten members present and three of us. In addressing them I tried to be both helpful and inspirational in my remarks. We had a pleasant meeting and a social hour following.

Here is a Chapter most adversely affected by conditions but manfully struggling to maintain its position of eminence held in the years past.

I returned to a regular convocation of this Chapter on October 28th, accompanied by several Companions of Calgary and some of the other Chapters.

This time there were 26 present, but the enthusiasm was marked and the feeling of approaching betterment so evident. This Chapter is composed today of the business men representative of the persevering character of the district. It is one of the brightest recollections of my year of office that in acknowledgement of my endeavors to contribute something in recognition of the honor conferred on me, I received the

following from their Scribe E.: I quote in part, "I wish to say how much we appreciated your visit to our Chapter last evening, and the splendid spirit of optimism expressed by yourself and the fine body of men who accompanied you. It is very encouraging to us to see a bunch of fellows who have the interest of Masonry so much at heart that they will come such a distance to visit us. As I said last night, I believe that we can make arrangements. . . . that will enable us to carry on until there is a crop in this district and conditions improve." A fine spirit and a most desirable ideal!

District Meeting

The District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction was a joint meeting of Districts Nos. 3 and 4, held in the Masonic Temple, 12th Avenue West, Calgary, on Friday, October 16th, 1936.

The officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, opened the Chapter. The Grand Superintendents of the two districts were officially received and most cordially welcomed.

Having been received R. E. Companion A. T. Spankie declared the meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. R. E. Companion Charles Comba and V. E. Companion O. W. Harris were requested to retire and introduce the Grand First Principal and his officers.

M. E. Companion Henry Sandilands accompanied by M. E. Companions J. R. Flan, E. G. Ironside, J. A. McGhee, W. E. Mercer, R. E. Companions C. H. Minchin, C. A. MacPherson, J. L. Clark, F. J. Hand, and V. E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie entered the meeting and were given the Grand Honors and invited to the East.

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands expressing the wish that the meeting proceed, the notice calling the Annual District Meeting and the Minutes of the last regular meeting of District No. 3 were read by R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, and those of District No. 4 by R. E. Companion F. J. Hand. These Minutes were approved by the Companions of each District.

A period of ten minutes was declared to elect the Grand Superintendents. Ex. Companion Fred Bentley of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, was declared elected as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, subject to the confirmation of the Grand First Principal.

A question from District No. 3 asking if the apron and sash should be worn over or under the Robes and Surplices. M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, Grand Lecturer, stated the Robes and Surplices should be worn over the apron and sash.

The representatives of the different Chapters present having reported on the condition of their Chapters, Most Excellent Companion Henry Sandilands, addressed the Companions, congratulating the Chapters on their reports of progress and giving as his address the subject: "Can We Stop the Decline of Royal Arch Masonry?" He touched on Royal Arch Masonry from every angle, pointing out the bad effects on the general public by the ill behaviour of a small majority of members throughout the world, and the evils of not doing a thorough job of anything that is undertaken; warning the Chapters that the indiscriminate distribution of Life Member Certificates is a dangerous procedure; concluding his address with kindly and thoughtful advice to the Companions.

M. E. Companion Flan made a few remarks pertaining to some phases of the work in order to get uniformity in the districts. V. E. Companion Duthie voiced the feeling of the meeting by thanking the Grand Superintendents for the time and effort spent in making this District Meeting a success which was suitably acknowledged by R. E. Companion T. W. Matthews and myself.

The officers of Crescent Chapter closed the Chapter. Following the District Meeting a banquet was held, when a very pleasant time was enjoyed—refreshments, speech and entertainment were indulged in—with M. E. Companion J. R. Flan acting as toastmaster.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the officers and Companions of each Chapter of my district for their kind reception, and their wholehearted support in my Chapter visitations.

It has been an honour to have had the opportunity of serving in the capacity of Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and I assure the Grand Chapter Officers that I have done my utmost to merit the trust reposed in me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A. T. SPANKIE,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 5

Hillcrest, Alberta.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5 during 1936-37.

Official Visits

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3

I visited Assiniboia Chapter on June 18th when the R. A. M. Degree was conferred and I am pleased to state that the work was done in a very able manner. I was sorry that I could not visit this Chapter again as the distance was too great.

Shekinah Chapter No. 4

On October 14th I visited this Chapter and had the pleasure of seeing the R. A. M. Degree conferred in a very satisfactory manner. I intended to visit this Chapter again, but owing to bad road conditions in this part of the country it was impossible to travel by car.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7

I travelled to Macleod twice to see some of the Companions there, but this Chapter has not had a meeting for the past year owing to the depression, but the Companions are still in hopes of getting started soon.

Kether Chapter, No. 8

On April 15th, 1937, I paid an official visit to this Chapter, there was no degree work and they have had to cut down their meetings to four meetings per year to save expenses and they are doing their best to hold the Chapter together and it would be a pity to see this Chapter go down.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15

I paid an official visit to this, my own Chapter, on June 16th, when the M. M. M. Degree was conferred by E. Companion Millett, assisted by E. Companion Rees and the work was very well done. I attended the meetings of this Chapter nearly every month.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16

On October 13th I visited this Chapter but there was no work done. Those present were M. E. Companion Grand Z. and R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E., accompanied by other Past Grand Chapter Officers. Although there was no work done there were several speeches which were enjoyed by everyone.

District Meeting

The District Meeting was held in Pincher Creek on October 15th, 1936, and although there were only three Chapters represented there was a good attendance. R. E. Companion Grand Scribe E. exemplified the signs of admiration and adoration also explained the correct way for officers to wear their Robes—the Robes being worn over aprons and the collars on the outside. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The M. E. the Grand Z. gave a very interesting address which was very much appreciated. Short talks were given by R. E. Companions MacPherson, Mack, Cumberland and Donkin.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions of this District for electing me as their Grand Superintendent, also those who have assisted me. I have not done what I should in some ways, but I have tried to make up for it in other ways.

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. CRICHTON,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 5.

DISTRICT No. 6

9716-92nd Street, Edmonton, Alberta.
February 8th, 1937.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report, covering my duties and activities as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6 during 1936-37.

In my capacity of Grand Superintendent I have officially visited all the Chapters once, and some of them on several occasions. I have been most heartily welcomed and have to thank the Companions for the many courtesies extended to me.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13

On September 11th, 1936, I paid my official visit to Capital City Chapter, No. 13, and was accompanied by R. E. Companions Frank Mayer and Walter Hill, and V. E. Companion T. McWhirter. There was a good attendance of Companions and visitors, particularly as this was the first meeting after recess and many Companions were still on their holidays. The business of this Chapter was conducted in a very efficient manner, and the books and records are in good order. There was no degree work on this occasion, but the Companions held a practice covering the M. E. M. and R. A. M. as they were assisting in a coming Field Day at Edson Chapter. The Ritual work of this Chapter is always administered in a very capable manner. The Convocation was closed in harmony, after which a luncheon was served, greetings exchanged, ending a very enjoyable evening.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18

An official visit to my own Chapter, Norwood, No. 18, was made on November 5th, 1936. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. E. Companions Frank Mayer, Walter Hill and J. H. Richardson, and V. E. Companions Geo. Grieve and J. G. Walker. The attendance was good, including a large number of visitors. This was the regular monthly convocation. There was no degree work. The business, however, was conducted in a very creditable manner. The question of unpaid dues was discussed at some length and it was agreed by the Companions present, that the Executive visit personally all Companions in the city and urge upon them the necessity of squaring up all unpaid dues. In the event of Companions that were sick or out of employment the Chapter would compromise or help them in every way possible. This Chapter has made considerable progress during the past year and is on a much better footing than for some time past. After the Convocation closed a splendid luncheon was served, at which E. Companion Geo. Hutchison of North Star Chapter, No. 2, gave a talk on his recent visit to New York City, which was much enjoyed by the Companions.

Edson Chapter, No. 30

I made my official visit to Edson Chapter on November 10th, 1936, being at first welcomed at the C.N.R. station by several of the Edson Companions and was accompanied officially in the Chapter room by V. E. Companion S. W. Bridges. The attendance was good, including some visitors. There was no degree work on this occasion. It had been arranged to put on the M. M. M. Degree, but owing to the sickness of candidates same could not be arranged. The books and records of this Chapter are well kept by V. E. Companion S. W. Bridges, Scribe E., and the Chapter very capably administered by E. Companion Robert Knox. Finances are in very good shape and unpaid dues practically "Nil" and prospects for the future were excellent. At the close of the Chapter a splendid luncheon was served, followed by several excellent speeches, also a talk by E. Companion Wm. Wilson on his trip to Vimy Memorial in France, he had also made a visit to Denmark and England. This was much enjoyed by the Companions and closed a very happy evening.

I was also privileged to visit this Chapter on the official visit of M. E. Companion H. Sandilands on September 26th, 1936. On this occasion a Field Day was held at which some five candidates were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree. On this occasion thirty journeyed from Edmonton. The Edson Chapter conferred the M. M. M. Degree in a very capable manner, much credit being due to the officers of this Chapter. M. E. M. and R. A. M. Degrees being conferred by teams comprising the four city Chapters, the whole work being splendidly done. Nearly sixty Companions were present and a most wonderful and successful Convocation was held. Edson Chapter are to be congratulated upon the very efficient arrangements made, and express their thanks to the visiting Companions for their kindly help and assistance at this time. After the Chapter closed a splendid lunch was served at which M. E. Companion Sandilands, R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy and R. E. Companion Frank Mayer gave excellent speeches. Several other Companions assisted on the program until a late hour. Complete harmony prevailed. The weather at this time was glorious, and as most of the Edmonton Companions had travelled by car, through the magnificent Fall scenery, this trip to Edson was doubly enjoyed.

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29

On November 19th, 1936, I paid my official visit to David Thompson Chapter, No. 29. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion N. A. Bolli at this time. This was the regular convocation. No degree work was held. The books and records are well kept by E. Companion A. Gray and the finances are also in good condition. However, this Chapter is not making very material progress owing to its isolation with only one Lodge to draw upon, the district being restricted. No candidates have been admitted for some time. This was their election evening and a good slate of officers was elected, who promised to put new life into this Chapter, and I understand since my visit two applications have been received. I was well entertained and taken care of during my visit to Jasper by E. Companion A. T. Gray.

District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction

A Chapter of Instruction of District No. 6 was held at Norwood Masonic Hall, Edmonton, on November 27th, 1936. The Chapter was opened by the officers of Norwood Chapter, No. 18, upon which R. E. Companion George Blyth was introduced by R. E. Companion Frank Mayer and was officially received with Grand Honors. R. E. Companion George Blyth took charge of the meeting, at which M. E. Companion H. Sandilands and R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy were present. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Some discussion took place in regard to the correct method of wearing the apron, which was answered by M. E. Companion H. Sandilands; also several questions as regards the ritual work, which were also fully answered. The matter of the next meeting place of District No. 6 was discussed. Edson Companions invited the incoming Grand Superintendent of District No. 6 to have this held at Edson during 1937. R. E. Companion George Blyth gave an excellent talk and remarked that the city Chapters were struggling with two old problems: "Outstanding Dues and Attendance," and requested all the Chapters to assist and help in this matter in every way. V. E. Companion J. Cleveley, of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 6 for the ensuing year. The meeting was closed in har-

mony, after which a splendid luncheon was served and M. E. Companion W. Coote gave a very inspiring address on Royal Arch Masonry.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation to the Chapters of the District for the kindly welcome accorded me on all my visits and to thank all the officers for their co-operation and support. I also wish to thank R. E. Companion Frank Mayer for his kindly help and support on all occasions. Also E. Companion Robert Knox and E. Companion A. T. Gray for their kindness while at Edson and Jasper, and all others who helped to make my term of office a success.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE BLYTH,

Grand Superintendent, District No. 6

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

I submit for your consideration my fifth annual report for the
fiscal year, ending February 28, 1937.

The decrease in membership is slightly smaller than the preceding
year and part of this is chargeable to former years, owing to the failure
of Scribes E reporting the same in their annual returns.

Four Chapters failed to pay their per capita up to February 28, 1937.

Fines have been charged in accordance with Section 115 of the
Constitution against fifteen Chapters for failing to make their returns
on time.

Statement of Membership

Number of Chapters.....	30	
Number of members, December 31st, 1935.....		2,044

Increase

Admissions to December 31st, 1936.....	30	
Affiliations.....	4	
Restorations.....	8	
	—	42

Decrease

Withdrawals to December 31st, 1936.....	65	
Suspensions.....	76	
Deaths.....	33	
	—	174
Net decrease.....		132
Number of members on roll, December 31st, 1936.....		1,912

Fraternally submitted,

CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Scribe E.

RESTORATIONS

Assiniboia, No. 3.....	James W. Reid.
Golden West, No. 5.....	L. L. Walker.
Otuskwam, No. 9.....	Ambion B. Singleton.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Huxley H. Johnson.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Arthur E. Stromberg.
Hiram, No. 19.....	Ernest A. Rasson, Claude A. Spicer.
Strathmore, No. 21.....	A. W. McKechnie.

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	V. A. Bowes, H. C. Legg, S. L. McCracken, A. E. Portman, W. R. Palmer, M. C. Salmon, A. Schlatter, J. Wilson, F. L. Williams.
North Star, No. 2.....	J. C. Jefferson.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	H. H. McGill, L. Hester.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	C. S. Donaldson, C. Junget, P. M. Sauder, W. G. Ward, E. A. Wilson, G. R. Barn- hill, I. M. Cooper (1935).
Golden West, No. 5.....	J. M. Glendinning, A. W. Holton.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	C. I. Miller.
Kether, No. 8.....	G. M. Marcellus.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	J. C. Bibby.
Calgary, No. 11.....	G. N. Shorrock, T. B. Donald, V. J. Wood, O. C. Thompson, N. A. Christie, H. H. Johnson.
Capital City, No. 13.....	C. A. Munro, A. E. Stromberg, W. Walker, W. P. White, T. W. Pinkston, W. W. Cleveley.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	F. A. Olsen.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	J. P. Delicate.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	J. F. Reynolds, C. E. Buchanan, D. Mc- Neil Leydon, S. H. Gandier.
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	W. T. Pettifer.
Norwood, No. 18.....	A. Russell.
Hiram, No. 19.....	A. L. Osmund, T. M. Nunn.
Strathmore, No. 21.....	A. W. McKechnie.
Coronation, No. 23.....	V. A. Hogan.
Crescent, No. 24.....	D. Henderson, J. Henderson, S. J. Hughes, D. F. Wilson, W. Humphries, G. A. McLennan.
Strathcona, No. 25.....	A. Maxey, H. Cumberpatch, J. J. Eisen.
Harmony, No. 26.....	C. Johnson, J. Henry, J. E. McCulloch, F. R. Reeves.
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	Alex Pool (Allan Stewart, 1932).
Hanna, No. 28.....	R. W. Summerbell.
David Thompson, No. 29..	F. R. Welbourn.

SUSPENSIONS

Alberta, No. 1.....	F. Foster, F. G. Hughes, H. J. Johnston, J. Leeming, E. R. Muir, D. W. McDerby, A. E. Quayle, J. Wilkinson.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	C. S. Clendenning, R. J. Gains, J. Hufner, B. L. Johnston, C. H. Kern, G. O. Rowe, W. F. Smitn, T. W. Snowden, A. A. Thompson, H. L. Thompson, F. H. Wilkins, W. H. Wilson, R. S. Winter, (C. S. Crest. W. S. Henderson, N. G. Giles, M. Johnston, S. B. Mitchell, H. W. Moor, J. E. Thompson, J. B. Turney, A. Wright, 1935).
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	A. N. Gardner, C. K. Adams, J. W. Mc- Brine, H. Page, W. Forbes.
Kether, No. 8.....	A. E. Reesor, C. H. Loder, R. B. Harrison, F. M. Steel.
Calgary, No. 11.....	F. E. Casey, C. E. Messenger, J. J. Skinner.

Keystone, No. 12.....	G. F. Ely, F. A. McEwan, S. J. Byers, F. L. Stackhouse, J. G. MacGregor.
Capital City, No. 13.....	D. A. Currie, W. J. Hardie, A. E. Hill, S. Irwin, J. Moriarty, W. D. Maxey H. N. McKinnon, J. R. Whyte.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	D. Montgomery.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	J. Stevenson.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	J. B. Boese.
Strathmore, No. 21.....	B. McKinnon.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	F. W. Cameron, A. J. Weart, W. Lead- better, T. E. Johnson, A. Wallace, T. Lock, H. McKenzie, J. M. Dougall, H. Tonjun. A. B. Claypool, N. G. Bowles.
Crescent, No. 24.....	A. H. Ellison.
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	A. Bradshaw.
Hanna, No. 28.....	W. Winning, C. G. Smiley, C. B. Stuart, J. Wallace.

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1937

ASSETS

Bank Balance, General Account.....	\$2,036.33
Savings Account	16.59
Cash on hand.....	30.30
Due from Chapters.....	<u>\$2,083.22</u>
Inventories:.....	470.76
Chapter Supplies.....	\$ 915.47
Chapter Regalia.....	37.91
Office Supplies.....	266.90
Insurance.....	19.75
Grand Officers' Regalia at cost.....	<u>\$1,240.03</u>
Office Equipment.....	\$1,426.34
Library.....	556.65
	66.12
Less Depreciation.....	<u>\$2,049.11</u>
	1,422.91
	<u>626.20</u>

LIABILITIES

Account Payable.....	\$ 75.60
Surplus as at Feb. 29, 1936.....	\$4,240.00
Add Revenue Surplus, 1936-37.....	104.61
	<u>\$4,344.61</u>

\$4,420.21

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 100.00
Savings Certificates.....	3,900.00
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT**For the Year Ending February 28th, 1937****EXPENSE**

Depreciation.....	\$	105.76	
Grand Chapter Expense:			
Proceedings.....	\$299.25		
Rent and Tyler.....	25.00		
Entertainment.....	54.65		
Notices and Ballots.....	32.30		
G. S. E. Expenses.....	17.00		
Express on Regalia.....	3.40		
		<u>431.60</u>	
Flowers.....	2.50		
Grand Z's Regalia.....	95.60		
		<u>98.10</u>	
Travelling Expenses:			
Grand Z.....	\$200.00		
Grand Superintendents.....	150.00		
		<u>350.00</u>	
Office Expenses:			
Salaries.....	\$625.00		
Insurance.....	16.35		
Supplies and Telephone.....	63.70		
Stamps.....	33.81		
Engrossing.....	10.80		
		<u>749.66</u>	
		<u>\$1,735.12</u>	
Surplus for the year.....		104.61	
		<u>\$1,839.73</u>	

REVENUE

Affiliations.....	\$	4.00
Certificates.....		99.00
Dispensations.....		26.00
Dues.....		1,326.00
Fines.....		121.50
Copies of Work.....		28.00
Life Members.....		94.00
Interest.....		95.49
Profit on Chapter Supplies.....		27.16
Profit on Chapter Regalia.....		18.58
		<u>\$1,839.73</u>

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1936

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1935	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Demitted	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1936	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	G. S. Draper	F. J. Hand	190	1	1	1	9	8	7	166	...	24	...
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	G. E. Hutchinson	A. B. McCurdy	106	6	1	1	1	1	3	103	...	3	...
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	W. Leveque	W. B. Stevens	140	6	1	1	2	1	1	144	4	...	...
4	Shekinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	A. Cherry	J. C. Redman	126	2	1	1	7	22	4	96	...	30	...
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	W. M. Marshall	W. B. Way	66	...	...	1	2	3	...	62	...	4	...
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	W. J. Martin	H. G. Smith	55	3	...	...	1	5	...	52	...	3	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	E. C. Snyder	A. Young	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	R. C. Finders	W. Laidlaw	46	...	...	...	1	4	...	41	...	5	...
9	Obuskwaw	Calgary	1st Thursday	W. J. Hartick	J. Covey	124	3	...	1	1	4	...	123	...	1	...
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	C. G. Taylor	T. H. Beach	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	J. Burroughs	O. W. Harris	75	2	1	1	6	3	...	69	...	6	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	D. M. Wright	A. G. Ayres	97	...	1	...	5	2	...	91	...	6	...
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	G. B. Thorn	J. Cleveley	144	...	...	1	6	8	4	127	...	17	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	M. A. Brimacombe	W. W. Bell	53	...	...	...	1	1	...	51	...	2	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Tuesday	F. E. Millett	R. E. Donkin	39	1	...	...	1	1	1	37	...	2	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	A. Hetherington	E. W. Mack	34	1	...	...	4	1	1	29	...	5	...
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	J. W. Graham	F. Grandage	36	...	...	...	1	...	...	35	...	1	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	G. Robert	J. H. Richardson	56	1	...	...	1	...	...	56	...	...	...
19	Hiran	Youngstown	Monday on or after full moon	I. D. Barton	P. A. Davie	35	...	...	2	2	...	...	35	...	...	...
20	Baiff	Baiff	3rd Thursday	C. A. Vanzant	T. W. Balderston	53	...	...	...	...	...	2	51	...	2	...
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	E. Ross	W. F. Mercer	47	...	...	1	1	1	...	46	...	1	...
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	1st Wednesday	W. G. Leisner	J. L. Clarke	44	...	...	...	1	11	...	33	...	11	...
23	Coronation	Coronation	4th Tuesday	J. Stewart	A. J. Webb	21	1	...	...	1	...	...	21	...	...	...
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	W. Garner	G. W. Mason	85	...	...	...	6	1	...	78	...	7	...
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	3rd Thursday	W. J. Ebdon	O. J. Barker	59	1	1	...	3	...	1	57	...	2	...
26	Harmony	Pasadena	4th Wednesday	J. Siorance	J. R. Donaldson	55	...	...	...	...	4	...	51	...	4	...
27	Etheyeh	Drumheller	1st Friday	J. H. N. Dutton	J. R. W. Teasdale	74	...	...	...	2	1	...	71	...	3	...
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Wednesday	J. G. Odell	C. Wylie	44	4	...	...	1	4	...	43	...	1	...
29	David Thompson	Jasper	3rd Thursday	A. T. Gray	A. Gray	25	...	1	...	1	...	...	25	...	...	...
30	Edson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	A. J. Fyfe	S. W. Bridges	42	4	...	...	...	...	...	46	4	...	...
						2044	30	4	8	65	76	33	1912	8140	132	...

Grand Treasurer's Statement

From March 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937

Balance in Bank, March 1st, 1936.....	\$1,958.60
Received from Grand Scribe E.....	1,954.91
	\$3,913.51
Disbursements.....	\$1,877.18
Balance in Bank, February 28th, 1937.....	\$2,036.33

Fraternally submitted,

W. C. BLACK,
Grand Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

To the Committee on Audit and Finance of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1937, and submit herewith:

- (a) Cash Report.
- (b) Expense and Revenue Statement.
- (c) Balance Sheet.

which I certify to be in accordance with the books.

Depreciation has been provided for at the usual rate.

I have not calculated accrued interest on Provincial Savings Certificates as, owing to well known circumstances, a definite rate and amount cannot be ascertained.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY W. FORD,
Chartered Accountant.

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was read by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee have examined the financial statement appearing in the reports of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, as well as the report of R. E. Companion H. W. Ford, Auditor, for the year ending February 28th, 1937.

We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report and the payment of \$25.00 to the Auditor for his services in making the audit and report. We recommend to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion H. W. Ford be continued in office for the ensuing year at the same rate of remuneration.

We recommend that the printing of the Proceedings for 1937 be awarded to the Albertan Job Press Ltd., at a rate not to exceed \$2.25 per page.

Your Committee note with satisfaction that the affairs of Grand Chapter have been carried on for another year very efficiently and with a credit balance. This condition has now become a habit which we trust will continue. We appreciate the businesslike methods of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand First Principal on this very excellent result.

In accordance with Clause C of Section 51 of the Constitution, your Committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, ending February 28th, 1938.

Bonds and Insurance.....	\$ 16.58
Office Expense:	
Postage	
Telephone	
Engrossing	
Letterheads, etc.	
Express	130.00
Proceedings.....	300.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
G. C. Expenses, Grand Convocation.....	100.00
G. Z.'s Regalia.....	75.60
Repairs for Regalia.....	30.00
Salaries, G. S. E. and Auditor.....	625.00
Travelling Expenses:	
Grand Z.....	300.00
Grand Superintendents	150.00
Grand Lecturer.....	50.00
	\$1,817.18
Regalia for resale.	135.00
	\$1,952.18

Fraternally submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT, *Chairman.*

On motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

The written reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts having already been submitted and taken under consideration by the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry the reading of these reports was dispensed with, but the Grand First Principal now called upon those Superintendents present to offer whatever supplementary remarks they might wish to make, and short verbal reports were given by

R. E. Companion J. G. Harrison, District No. 2

R. E. Companion A. T. Spankie, District No. 4

R. E. Companion R. Crichton, District No. 5

The report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address was read by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Calgary, April 29th, 1937

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee of the Past Grand Z.'s, to whom has been referred the Address of the Grand First Principal, beg to say they have considered same and report as follows:

We appreciate the fine sentiments expressed by our Grand First Principal in his thankfulness for Divine Guidance in our work today so that all our doings may find favor, and redound to the honor and glory of the Most High.

We join with our Grand First Principal in deploring the losses in membership principally from demits and suspensions and your Committee expresses the belief that our Grand Z. is justified in hoping that Chapters will devise some means by which any of its worthy Companions who meet with misfortune will be kept in good standing.

We most heartily endorse our Grand Z.'s expression of loyalty and commend his efforts in making arrangements to prepare and conduct a short service in keeping with the approach of the Coronation.

Your Committee has listened with deep interest to the Grand Z.'s able presentation of the continued unrest that prevails throughout the world and his statement that our members in high places have exerted no little interest in preserving peace and goodwill.

Our Grand First Principal has given unstintingly of his time in the interest of the Royal Craft. We commend him for his fraternal visit to our neighboring Grand Chapter of British Columbia and express the hope that future Grand First Principals will have further opportunities along this line, so as to cement the goodwill existing among the Grand Chapters, especially those of Western Canada.

We concur in the suggestion that the Grand Representatives review the Proceedings of the Jurisdictions they represent, and that this

review be forwarded to be edited by the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

We concur in the recommendation of our Grand First Principal; that a new Grand Superintendent be elected in District No. 3.

We agree with him in his suggestion that Chapters revise their By-Laws so that installations will not occur during the Christmas week.

We appreciate the reference to the valuable services rendered by those who have been of assistance to the Grand First Principal.

In conclusion we are very glad to congratulate our Grand First Principal on his having completed a year of successful service to the Royal Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
J. A. MCGHEE,
J. W. G. MORRISON,
JAMES R. FLAN,
A. DAVISON,
W. E. MERCER.

On the motion of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was submitted by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence submits the following report:

Your Committee has been asked to rule upon the question

"Is it necessary for a Chapter to procure dispensation when investing an officer out of time?"

Your Committee rules that dispensation, under the Constitution as it reads at present, is necessary. Your Committee, however, would recommend that the governing section of the Constitution (164) be amended to remove any doubt with respect to the possible difficulty raised by this question. The section does not state definitely an appointed officer shall be invested but it does say that he holds office until his successor is "installed or invested." The amendment might make provision for extenuating circumstances in which event no fee should be exacted. Your committee feels the distinction between "in-

stalled" and "invested" should be clarified and which officers may be "installed" and which "invested."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
JAMES R. FLAN,
GEO. B. McLEOD,
MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
C. H. MINCHIN,
F. J. HAND.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was submitted by R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, and on the completion of the reading of the report the Companions stood for a moment in respectful silence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, the living, have convened in this Spring season, when the very world about us portrays life—the shooting leaf, the budding flower, and green grass—displaying the wondrous works of the Most High.

At this time we must pause to pay reverent honor to our Companions who have passed on—our ennobled dead.

Since last we gathered in Convocation much has happened, many times our hearts have been moved to joy and our wholesome laughter has spread the contagion of happiness to those with whom we came in contact.

During that same time our hearts have been bowed down in deepest grief as we have heard and realized that another Companion has passed the white veil into the presence of Him who is the Great I AM, there to receive from His hand the reward promised to all those who obey His divine command.

Companions, during the period above mentioned this Grand Jurisdiction has lost thirty-one Companions. We grieve for our departed friends. We miss their happy faces, their joyful voices, their

warm handclasps, but our grief is softened by the grateful memory of their companionship along the journey of life here below, and look forward with confidence to the time when we too shall enter the portals and behold again the faces of those we have loved long since, and lost the while.

*"Sleep on Companions, till the waking day,
And ever we who loved thy presence here,
Will keep for thee, though changes manifold,
A tender memory, growing with the years."*

May the memory of the virtuous deeds of our departed Companions stimulate our efforts to develop our lives in all that is good and noble.

To those who mourn the loss of loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy. May He who said "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" comfort and support them.

Among those Companions we would mention:

Companion William Egbert, Exalted in Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, Ontario; affiliated with Alberta Chapter, No. 1, November 13th, 1932. Made Honorary Member of same Chapter on 14th January, 1935. Was Alderman of the City of Calgary, 1910-1911, and Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, 1925 to 1930.

Born, 25th February, 1857.

Died, 15th October, 1936. Age, 79 years.

V. E. Companion Lt. Col. James Walker. Exalted in Alberta Chapter, No. 1, June 6th, 1893. First Principal, 1898-1899. Grand D. of C., 1916.

Born, April 14th, 1847.

Died, March 31st, 1936. Age, 89 years.

Lt. Col. A. K. Hobbins, D.S.O. Exalted in Chapter Leall Roona and Ellen Vannie, No. 2333, G.R.A., Quetta, India. Affiliated in Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton, Alberta, March 5th, 1928.

Born, March 28th, 1872.

Died, April 5th, 1937. Age, 65 years.

We have had reported to us from other Grand Jurisdictions 35 distinguished Companions, mostly Past Grand High Priests. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Your Committee beg to recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings recording the loss which we have sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. McCURDY, *Chairman.*

F. J. HAND.

On the motion of R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, seconded by R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, it was

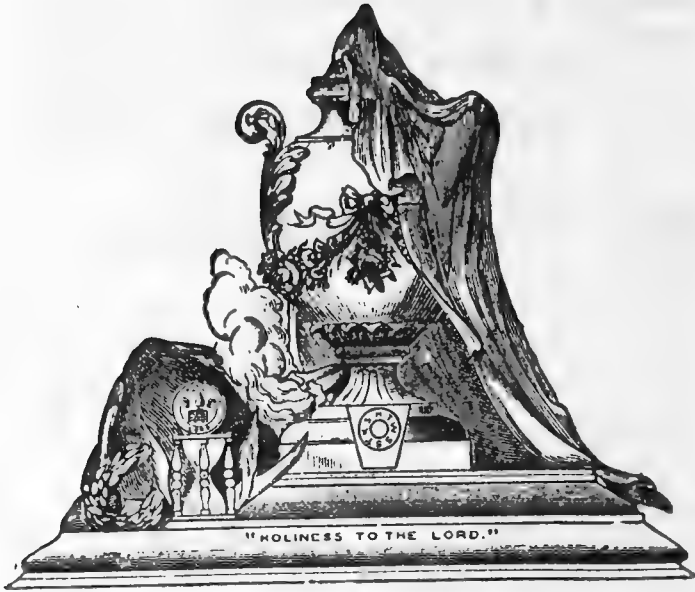
RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN OUR OWN JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....	H. H. Rogers, W. Egbert, W. Maclean, C. Engel, G. Nicholson, A. Tomlinson, J. Walker.
North Star, No. 2.....	N. W. Shields, L. F. Toby, G. S. A. Connell.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Frank Ferguson.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	R. W. Lynn, J. Turnbull, (T. R. Brewer, 1932; C. McClenaghan, 1935).
Golden West, No. 5.....	C. J. Gribble, W. Dobson, J. M. Arnold.
Otuskwon, No. 9.....	L. Grier, A. H. Visser, J. C. Staggs, A. W. Ewers.
Keystone, No. 12.....	D. S. Smith, J. A. Carsewell.
Capital City, No. 13.....	H. B. Collins, A. E. Howard, C. Clent, J. W. Wyatt.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	H. Henderson.
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	G. H. Carney.
Banff, No. 20.....	R. P. Duke, W. Wilson.
Strathcona, No. 25.....	L. R. Paul.

DEATHS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Arizona.. . . .	Edwin S. Miller, P.G.H.P. George A. Bridge, P.G.H.P.
Arkansas	Thomas J. Woods, P.G.H.P. Durand Whipple, P.G.H.P.
California.. . . .	Thomas Flint, P.G.H.P.
Canada.....	Sidney S. Forbes, Grand J.
Colorado.....	William S. Pickerill, P.G.H.P. Joseph H. Price, P.G.H.P.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies, P.G.H.P. William R. Keavaney, P.G.H.P. Lewis C. Hull, P.G.H.P.
Delaware.....	Obadiah Clark, P.G.H.P.
Florida.....	Elmer E. Haskell, P.G.H.P.
Indiana	John H. Wineland, P.G.H.P.
Iowa.....	William D. Irvine, P.G.H.P.
Kansas...	Marion K. Brundage, P.G.H.P. Charles A. Conkling, P.G.H.P.
Louisiana.....	Will Moss, P.G.H.P.
Maine.....	Samuel B. Furbish, P.G.H.P. Albert W. Meserve, P.G.K.
Minnesota.....	Frank H. McCuskey, P.G.H.P. John Fishel, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary.
Mississippi.. . . .	William H. Carter, P.G.H.P. Henry C. Yawn, P.G.H.P.
Montana.	Edward C. Day, P.G.H.P. Ernest M. Hutchinson, P.G.H.P. Charles S. Bell, P.G.H.P. Alexander Wardlow, Grand Sentinel.
Nebraska.....	Leroy Parks, D.G.H.P.
New Hampshire ..	Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.
Ohio.....	Virgil O. Moore, G.C.H.
Oregon.....	Clyde Evans, P.G.H.P. Edward W. Davis, P.G.H.P.
Pennsylvania.....	George B. Wells, P.G.H.P.
West Virginia. . . .	Carson B. Trenor, P.G.H.P.



In Memory
OF THE DECEASED
Companions of Our Own
and Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1936

*"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright:
the end of that man is peace."*

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry was read by M. E. Companion J. V. Follett.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF
CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA**

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee beg to report that we have carefully read the interesting reports of the six Grand Superintendents. We are extremely pleased that each Grand Superintendent performed the duties of his office satisfactorily and efficiently, with very few exceptions all Chapters were visited officially twice.

Each Superintendent is very hopeful of present and future prospects for Royal Arch Masonry in his District. Yet we note with grave concern, that one Chapter did not meet at all during the year and that several country Chapters are finding financial conditions a very difficult burden. In this connection many of these Chapters are paying higher rents than the city Chapters, and one Chapter is paying \$100.00 per year rent, while its annual dues are only \$1.00 and the total membership below 40.

We commend the Superintendents for their efforts and advice regarding outstanding dues which are becoming much too large for our total membership which shows a net decrease of 132 for the year.

We recommend that the Grand First Principal, Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Superintendent of each District, form a committee of three, to act as counsellors for each Chapter needing any form of assistance, with a view to amalgamation with other Chapters, to removing charters to more suitable locations, or to receive from Grand Chapter any assistance that can be furnished.

We recommend that the reports of Grand Superintendents of Districts be in the hands of this Committee at least ten days before Grand Chapter meets, and that each report be summarised for publication in the annual Proceedings.

We recommend that the fines be remitted to those Chapters that have been fined for lateness of returns, where a letter showing just cause why these returns were late has been received by Grand Chapter.

We recommend to the Grand First Principal that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred on R. E. Companions F. Grandage, J. G. Harrison, T. W. Matthews, A. T. Spankie, R. Crichton and G. Blyth

Fraternally submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT,
J. R. FLAN,
H. W. B. BELL,
R. C. RANKIN.

The four recommendations contained in the Committee report were separately and severally agreed to by the Companions, and, on the motion of M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was submitted by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We have not been called upon to make any special grants from the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund during the year, the Chapters having taken care of the needs of their distressed Companions.

We commend the Chapters for their ready response in assisting worthy Companions and recommend that the present method of administering the Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter be continued.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman*.

J. A. MCGHEE,

J. V. FOLLETT.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIONS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report that the reviews of Foreign Correspondence and Proceedings are prepared and submitted to Grand Scribe E. to be printed.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER, *Acting Chairman*.

J. W. G. MORRISON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was submitted by M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee are most happy to report, that nothing has come before them for consideration. This is evidence of the harmony that exists among the constituent Chapters, for which we are extremely thankful.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. McGHEE,
J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

On behalf of the Committee on Warrants M. E. Companion M. M. Downey reported that no matters had been referred to that Committee for consideration during the past year.

On the motion of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion W. B. Way, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands:

Companions, it is suggested that we start our afternoon session at 2 p.m. and at that time we will have a short service commemorating the Coronation of Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. (Agreed).

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 p.m.

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at 2:00 p.m.

CORONATION CEREMONY

“O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

Sung by the Companions

INVOCATION

R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy

“O, THOU GREAT JEHOVAH, KING OF KINGS, OMNIPOTENT RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, we, Thy humble servants, beseech Thee to bestow abundance of Thy manifold blessings upon our Sovereign Lord, King George; endue him with wisdom and understanding, that he may govern his peoples with Justice and equity; give him of Thy mighty strength, so that he may be able to withstand and overcome the forces of oppression and ignorance, of bigotry and intolerance; grant him health that he may live long to reign over the nations which Thou has put under him; to the end that they may enjoy happiness and prosperity, and ever contribute to Thy honour and glory. Hear Thou, our prayer, for Thy Great Name's sake.”

SO MOTE IT BE

“LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY”

Solo by V. E. Companion G. L. McHenry

ADDRESS

By M. E. Companion M. M. Downey

“GOD SAVE THE KING

(Our distinguished visitor from Wyoming was observed to know the words and to join heartily in the singing of “God Save the King.”)

M. E. Companion Sandilands:

I would like to express my personal thanks, and I am sure the thanks of all the members of Grand Chapter, to Most Excellent Companion Downey and Very Excellent Companion McHenry.

TELEGRAM TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, that the following telegram be despatched to His Excellency the Governor General.:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta in Convocation desire, through you, to extend greetings and loyal support to Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth."

Reply from Buckingham Palace

The Private Secretary is commanded by the King to convey an expression of sincere thanks to the members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta for their message of loyal assurances on the occasion of Their Majesties' Coronation.

R. E. Companion J. Cleave, not having been present at the morning session, now extended to Grand Chapter the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was submitted by R. E. Companion F. Hand, who reported twenty-six Chapters represented, with a total of 114 votes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that we have carefully checked the Register of Grand Chapter and have distributed the ballots in accordance with the rules of Grand Chapter.

There are 26 Chapters represented by their Officers, Past Principals and proxies, with a total of 114 votes.

Fraternally submitted

F. J. HAND (*Acting Chairman*).

On the motion of R. E. Companion F. Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Grandage, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

R. E. Companion G. Blyth, not having been present at the morning session now gave a short verbal report on his activities during the year as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the representatives of Harmony Chapter, No. 26, be allowed to vote at this Grand Convocation.

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was moved by R. E. Companion F. Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Keyte, that Section 115 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "fifty cents" and substituting "twenty-five cents" therefor.

Upon the motion being put it was declared LOST.

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was moved by R. E. Companion F. Hand, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Grandage, that Section 250 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "double" in the fourth line and substituting "single" therefor.

Upon the motion being put it was declared LOST.

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was on the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer,

RESOLVED, that Section 95 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word "February" in the third line of sub-section I and substituting "April" therefor.

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was on the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by E. Companion G. E. Hutchison,

RESOLVED, that Section 255 be amended by deleting all words following "good standing" in the ninth line.

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was on the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion F. Keyte,

RESOLVED, that Section 250 be amended by adding thereto "No Chapter shall permit any member to owe more than two years' dues without taking definite action thereon."

Speaking to his notice of motion, it was on the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by E. Companion T. S. Jeffery,

RESOLVED, that section 197 be amended by deleting the words "unmasonic conduct or otherwise" and substituting therefor "for any cause other than the non-payment of dues."

R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin then brought up the question of the necessity of having a duplicate set of Grand Chapter records in case the present records should unfortunately become destroyed by fire, etc. After some discussion it was on his motion, seconded by by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan,

RESOLVED, that Grand Scribe E. and the Audit and Finance Committee arrange to have this duplicate set of records made.

The election of officers for the ensuing year now took place, with the following result:

Grand First Principal.....	R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin
Grand Second Principal.....	R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy
Grand Third Principal.....	R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell
Grand Scribe E.....	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion J. Barclay
Grand Registrar.....	R. E. Companion J. Burns
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. E. Companion T. McWhirter
Executive Committee.....	R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp
	R. E. Companion F. J. Hand
	R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper
	R. E. Companion C. Comba
	R. E. Companion F. Grandage

The scrutineers of the ballot were M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, and R. E. Companion F. Grandage.

Coincident with the election of officers the following business took place:

R. E. Companion T. W. Matthews, not having been present at the morning session, now gave a short verbal report of his activities during the year as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, and recommended in particular the amalgamation of Calgary Chapter No. 11 and Crescent Chapter, No. 24.

The report of the Committee on Research and Education was submitted by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your Committee on Research and Education, beg to report that while no special features have been dealt with during the year by way of research, we would commend the Companions for the various addresses which have been given, and would recommend a careful perusal of the Proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions as well as our own, also a study of the works of Companion J. M. Ward on Royal Arch Masonry and especially the Antiquity of the Holy Royal Arch by F. De P. Castells, which we believe would enhance a deeper interest in our Royal Art.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. MERCER,
J. R. FLAN.

On the motion of M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Research and Education be received and adopted.

R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy then stated that he understood that the Companions of the Calgary Chapters had gone to considerable trouble in the matter of the entertainment of the delegates to Grand Chapter, and on his motion, seconded by R. E. Companion J. Cleave, it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter make the usual donation toward the expense to the Calgary Chapters.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee:

Most Excellent Sir, a few years ago I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. I was the first to have that honor and they honored me by making me an Honorary Member of that Grand Chapter. I am very proud of it and I have very clear recollections of the Companions who constitute that Grand Chapter. I hope to visit them again. I would like to move, Sir, that Most Excellent Companion E. T. Johnston be made an Honorary Member of this Grand Chapter.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee, seconded by M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that Most Excellent Companion E. T. Johnston of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba be made an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

(The motion was received with applause.)

M. E. Companion E. T. Johnson:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I wish to assure you that this is indeed a surprise. I was advised by M. E. Companion Cook and M. E. Companion Irwin, that I would receive a royal welcome in Alberta and I wish to state at this time that I have not been disappointed. From the time I arrived my welcome has been most sincere.

I feel honored indeed to accept this honorary membership which you have seen fit to confer upon me. Words fail me at this time to say more than "thank you" for this great honor.

(Applause).

M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions, we have just had the honor of conferring upon the representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba an honorary membership in this Grand Chapter.

It is my privilege and my pleasure to propose to you that the same be conferred upon our Most Excellent Companion from Wyoming; a Companion who has represented this Grand Chapter in Wyoming for the last twelve or fourteen years.

It has been my privilege to visit Wyoming and the Grand Chapter there and I can assure you Companions, the welcome given me and the treatment given me while I was there warrant me in not allowing myself

to miss this opportunity of proposing that this honor be conferred upon Most Excellent Companion W. B. Saunders, and I assure you, Companions, he is well worthy to carry that honor

On the motion of M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that Most Excellent Companion W. B. Saunders of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming be made an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

(The motion was received with applause.)

M. E. Companion W. B. Saunders:

Most Excellent Companion Sandilands, Most Excellent Companion Johnson, and Companions, I sat here a while ago and the thought came to me that certainly everything had been done for me and on my behalf to make my visit pleasant that could have been done and, like Most Excellent Companion Johnson, this comes as an additional surprise.

I expected to be royally treated because after having had a visit from your Most Excellent Companion Mercer when he made so great an impression on our Grand Chapter of Wyoming, upon the Officers and Companions and myself and my family, that I naturally knew that I would have a warm reception here at your Grand Chapter.

I want to thank you most kindly, Excellent Sir and Companions, for this honor and I assure you I appreciate it very much.

(Applause.)

On the motion of R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, seconded by R. E. Companion J. D. Barclay, it was

RESOLVED, that the sum of five dollars be paid the Tyler for his services at this Grand Convocation.

The report of the Library Committee was submitted by R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

M. E. Sir and Companions:

Your Committee recommend that no further expense be incurred until such time as the Companions or Chapters display a greater interest in the reading of books at present in the Library.

It is to be regretted that no requests have been made for loans of books during the past year, and your Committee urge our Chapter

Officers, in particular, to make use of the valuable opportunity the Library affords in this connection.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,
C. H. MINCHIN,
F. J. HAND.

On the motion of R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

On the motion of R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, seconded by R. E. Companion J. Cleveley, it was

RESOLVED, that the next convocation of Grand Chapter be held in the City of Edmonton.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Work was submitted by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee beg leave to report that only one ruling has been given this year, that of the proper wearing of the robes of officers of Chapters.

The Grand Lecturer, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, was unable to visit all of the Chapters of Instruction, but the Grand First Principal answered all questions that were submitted to him.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN,
C. A. MacPHERSON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Permanent Committee on Work be received and adopted.

E. Companion C.C.G. Duthie asked if it was the intention of Grand Chapter to have the constituent Chapters hold some Coronation Ceremony after that proposed by the Grand Lodge.

M. E. Companion Sandilands informed him that it was not so intended, whereupon it was, on the motion of E. Companion Duthie, seconded by E. Companion T. S. Jeffery,

RESOLVED, that the address of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey be distributed by the Grand Scribe E. to all constituent Chapters.

R.E. Companion J. Cleveley reported that Companion Dave McIntosh, a Companion of many years standing, and a man of 81 or 82 years of age, was seriously ill in the University Hospital at Edmonton.

The Companions of District No. 3, having held a meeting for the purpose of electing a Grand Superintendent for the ensuing year, M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee announced that E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie had been elected to fill that office.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Chapter now proceeded to the Installation of Officers for the year 1937-1938, the work being conducted by M. E. Companions J. R. Flan, J. A. McGhee and H. Sandilands.

The following Companions were installed as District Superintendents:

E. Companion W. W. Bell.....	District No. 1
E. Companion J. M. Winkler.....	District No. 2
E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie.....	District No. 3
E. Companion F. Bentley.....	District No. 4
E. Companion J. L. Trotman.....	District No. 5
E. Companion J. Cleveley.....	District No. 6

The other elected Grand Chapter Officers were then duly installed.

THANKS TO INSTALLING OFFICERS

R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the installing officers. The motion was seconded by R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, and carried with the hearty applause of the Companions.

M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin then suggested that Companion Johnson, of Edmonton, be the Tyler of next year's Grand Convocation. This was unanimously agreed to.

AFTER INSTALLATION

M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin:

Companions, I know you are all anxious to get away now to prepare for this evening's banquet and entertainment, but I do wish to convey to you our very deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon us and to assure each one of you that under the guidance

of God we hope to transact the business of this Grand Chapter during the coming year in such a manner as will bring honor to our Grand Body. I would say that if our Grand Superintendents and our Grand Officers can work together with such unanimity of thought and purpose as we have had in these proceedings today I am sure we will be worthy of that reward which our heavenly Guide will give us. I thank you.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5:25 p.m.

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.



**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION
MAY 29th, 1914**

*S. Y. Taylor.....	1914	E. G. Ironside	1926
*J. N. Rankin	1915	*W. M. McNab	1927
F. S. Watson	1916	*F. S. Selwood	1928
R. Patterson.....	1917	J. R. Flan.....	1929
*A. R. Dickson	1918	J. W. G. Morrison	1930
M. M. Downey	1919	J. A. McGhee.....	1931
N. T. Macleod	1920	J. V. Follett.....	1932
*H. Darling.....	1921	A. West.....	1933
G. B. McLeod.....	1922	A. Davison.....	1934
W. T. Coote	1923	W. E. Mercer	1935
J. E. Johnson	1924	H. Sandilands	1936
S. H. Middleton.....	1925	C. H. Minchin.....	1937

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams.....	British Columbia
G. C. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche	Saskatchewan
A. Little.....	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph.....	Manitoba
*R. J. F. Coster	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart	Manitoba
J. F. Irwin	Manitoba
E. R. Wylie.....	Saskatchewan
F. E. Doull	Saskatchewan
T. S. Cook.....	Manitoba
W. B. Saunders	Wyoming

HONORARY MEMBERS

G. Syme.....	Manitoba
E. T. Johnson.....	Manitoba

GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson.....	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside.....	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson.....	1933 - 1937

*Deceased.

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion W. W. Bell
Address: Vermilion

No. 2	North Star	Edmonton
No. 6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin
No. 14	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 17	Mount Olivet	Killam
No. 25	Strathcona	Edmonton

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. M. Winkler
Address: Hanna

No. 19	Hiram	Youngstown
No. 23	Coronation	Coronation
No. 27	Ehcyeh	Drumheller
No. 28	Hanna	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie
Address: 1911-8th Avenue E., Calgary

No. 5	Golden West	High River
No. 11	Calgary	Calgary
No. 12	Keystone	Red Deer
No. 20	Banff	Banff
No. 22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury
No. 24	Crescent	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion F. Bentley
Address: 815-18th Avenue W., Calgary

No. 1	Alberta	Calgary
No. 9	Otuskwan	Calgary
No. 10	Bow Valley	Gleichen
No. 21	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 26	Harmony	Bassano

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. L. Trotman
Address: Medicine Hat

No. 3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat
No. 4	Shekinah	Lethbridge
No. 7	Bekah	Macleod
No. 8	Kether	Pincher Creek
No. 15	Hillvue	Hillcrest
No. 16	Tau Cross	Clareholm

District No. 6

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion J. Cleveley
Address: 11914-97th Street, Edmonton

No. 13	Capital City	Edmonton
No. 18	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 29	David Thompson	Jasper
No. 30	Edson	Edson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy, Grand H.

M. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, Grand Z.

All Past Grand First Principals

R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell Grand J.
 R. E. Companion W. W. Bell Grand Supt. Dist. No. 1
 R. E. Companion J. M. Winkler Grand Supt. Dist. No. 2
 R. E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie Grand Supt. Dist. No. 3
 R. E. Companion F. Bentley Grand Supt. Dist. No. 4
 R. E. Companion J. L. Trotman Grand Supt. Dist. No. 5
 R. E. Companion J. Cleveley Grand Supt. Dist. No. 6
 R. E. Companion T. S. Jeffery Grand Treasurer
 R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson. (Gr. Sec'y.) Grand Scribe E.
 R. E. Companion J. D. Barclay Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp Two years
 R. E. Companion F. J. Hand Two years
 R. E. Companion F. Grandage Two years
 R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper Two years
 R. E. Companion C. Comba One year
 R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard One year
 R. E. Companion J. L. Clarke One year
 R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin One year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Lecturer M. E. Companion J. R. Flan
 Grand Senior Sojourner . . . V. E. Companion James Sandilands
 Grand Junior Sojourner . . . V. E. Companion Nick Luciw
 Grand Sword Bearer V. E. Companion Roy A. Dart
 Grand Master 1st Veil . . . V. E. Companion Alex Morrice
 Grand Master 2nd Veil . . . V. E. Companion William A. Irving
 Grand Master 3rd. Veil . . . V. E. Companion William Smith Jr.
 Grand Master 4th Veil . . . V. E. Companion John A. Caldwell
 Grand Dr. of Ceremonies . . V. E. Companion Horace D. Fawcett
 Grand Organist R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper
 Grand Pursuivant V. E. Companion William Thorpe
 Grand Steward V. E. Companion William F. Howarth
 Grand Steward V. E. Companion David A. Curry
 Grand Steward V. E. Companion Thomas J. Walls
 Grand Steward V. E. Companion Alex Gray
 Grand Tyler Companion J. L. Johnson

SUB-COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address

All Past Grand First Principals, the senior Past Grand First Principal acting as chairman.

Credentials

R. E. Companion F. J. Hand, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions G. L. Tipp, J. D. Barclay, and all Grand Superintendents.

Warrants

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee; R. E. Companions C. Comba, G. L. Tipp, F. B. Cooper.

Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. T. Coote, G. B. McLeod, S. H. Middleton, J. R. Flan; R. E. Companions H. W. B. Bell, R. C. Rankin, C. Comba.

Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, G. B. McLeod, J. R. Flan, A. West, W. T. Coote; R. E. Companions A. B. McCurdy, F. J. Hand.

Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. R. Flan, J. A. McGhee, A. West, A. Davison; R. E. Companions C. A. MacPherson, T. S. Jeffery, H. W. B. Bell, J. L. Clarke.

Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. A. McGhee, W. E. Mercer; R. E. Companions F. Grandage, J. E. Rannard, J. L. Clarke, A. B. McCurdy.

Benevolence

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, S. H. Middleton, E. G. Ironside, J. A. McGhee, A. West; R. E. Companions R. C. Rankin, F. Grandage.

Fraternal Dead

R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, G. B. McLeod, S. H. Middleton; R. E. Companion A. B. McCurdy.

Foreign Correspondence

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions M. M. Downey, J. W. G. Morrison, J. V. Follett, A. West, W. E. Mercer, H. Sandilands.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Permanent Committee on Work

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions S. H. Middleton, H. Sandilands; R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.

Library Committee

M. E. Companion H. Sandilands, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. R. Flan, S. H. Middleton, W. E. Mercer; R. E. Companions G. L. Tipp, C. Comba, F. B. Cooper, T. S. Jeffery.

Committee on Research and Education

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee, J. V. Follett, J. R. Flan, W. E. Mercer.

Committee on Forms

M. E. Companion A. West, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions F. J. Hand, H. W. B. Bell, F. Milne.

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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on the Second Wednesday, being the 11th day of May, 1938.

C. A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Scribe E.

1412-2nd Street N.W., Calgary.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas	John Q. Wolf	Batesville
British Columbia	*John W. Prescott, G.S.E.	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco, Rm. 432, Mas. Temple
Canada	Edwin Smith	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado	C. A. Patton	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford, Mas. Temple, 201 Ann St.
Delaware	John W. Macklem	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Washington, Masonic Temple
England	P. Colville Smith, G.S.E.	London, W. C. 2, Freemasons' Hall Gt. Queen Street
Florida	Cary B. Fish	233, Palm Ave., Sarasota
Georgia	William J. Penn Jr.	Macon
Idaho	Edward H. Way	Boise, Box 1203
Illinois	J. E. Core	Springfield, Box 565
Indiana	Charles H. Warne	Masonic Temple, Tipton
Iowa	George E. Masters	Glenwood
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.	Dublin, Freemasons' Hall
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Masonic Temple, Topeka
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Lexington
Louisiana	Chas. C. Brown	302 Masonic Temple, New Orleans
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Masonic Temple, Portland
Manitoba	George Symes, G.S.E.	Winnipeg, Masonic Temple
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts	Raymond T. Sewell	Boston, Rm. 209, Masonic Temple
Michigan	Charles A. Connover	Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.
Minnesota	J. H. Anderson (Acting)	St. Paul, Mas. Temple, 6th and Smith
Mississippi	Edward L. Fuacette	Meridian
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trenton
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha, Rm. 401, Masonic Temple
Nevada	L. William Semenza	Reno
New Brunswick	R. F. Crawford	St. John Masonic Temple
New Hampshire	J. M. Dresser	Concord, 44 South Main St.
New Jersey	Charles D. McCracken	Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque, Box 535
New South Wales	Frederick R. Sinden	Sydney, 160 Castlereagh St.
New York	Charles C. Hunt	New York City, Masonic Hall
New Zealand	Charles W. Nielson	Wellington, Box 236
North Carolina	William R. Smith	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Nova Scotia	J. McG. Rutherford	Halifax, N. S.
Ohio	Mont C. Hambright	Springfield
Oklahoma	James A. Latham	Muskogee
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland, Masonic Temple
Pennsylvania	Joseph E. Quinby	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets
Queensland	Kendrick, R. W. T.	c/o Masonic Temple, Ann St., Brisbane
Quebec	William W. Williamson, G.S.E.	Montreal, Box 3172
Rhode Island	Wilbur A. Scott	Pawtucket
Saskatchewan	Francis B. Reilly, G.S.E.	Regina, 312 Westman Chambers.
Scotland	George A. Howell, G.S.E.	Edinburgh, 76 Queen Street.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls, Masonic Temple
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, Scottish Rite Temple
Texas	Thomas M. Bartley	Waco
Utah	John M. Dunlap	Salt Lake City, Masonic Temple
Vermont	Archie S. Harriman	Burlington, Masonic Temple
Victoria	H. O. Thomas	Melbourne, 164 Flinders St.
Virginia	James M. Clift	Masonic Temple, Richmond
Washington	Wesley C. Stone	Spokane, 401 Hyde Bldg.
West Australia	H. C. Anderson	65 St. George's Terrace, Perth
West Virginia	George M. Ford	Wheeling, P. O. Box 643
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee, 790 Van Buren Street
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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D. E. Carmichael	Dothan	Alabama	Geo. Blyth	Edmonton
E. H. McEachern	Miami	Arizona	F. B. Cooper	Calgary
E. G. Turner	Helena	Arkansas	W. H. Scott	Vermilion
J. W. Prescott	Vancouver	British Columbia	H. Sandilands	Edmonton
C. H. King	Sebastopol	California	M. B. Peacock	Calgary
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R. B. Adams	Denver	Colorado	W. E. G. Anderson	Drumheller
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A. E. Haumerson	Racine	Wisconsin	W. J. Haynes	Sedgwick
W. B. Saunders	Gilette	Wyoming	W. W. Be'l	Vermilion

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 16—The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held on the second Wednesday in May at such place as has been selected at the previous Annual Convocation and at such hour as the members of the Grand Council may determine.

Sub-section 79a—Provided that Grand Chapter may on motion constitute any Companion of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Royal Craft, who hails from a foreign jurisdiction and is a member of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Chapter, an honorary member thereof with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate.

Sub-section I of Section 95—For the information of Grand Chapter he shall transmit to Grand Scribe E., not later than the first day of April prior to each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, a report in writing on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his district, on such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last Annual Convocation and on all Chapters visited.

Section 113—(See page 36, line 9). Fee, Past First Principal's Certificate, \$1.00, and that each Chapter present one to the First Principal on the completion of his term of office.

Section 113—(See page 36, line 19) Every member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st December in each year after the first year of organization of the Chapter, 75c.

The last item of this section has been deleted and the following substituted therefor:

The Executive Committee shall have power to vote from the General Fund to the Benevolence Fund such funds as it deems expedient from time to time; provided, however, that in any one year the amount so voted shall not exceed a sum of 25c for each member as registered on the books of Grand Scribe E. in the last Annual Report, and further provided that the Benevolence Fund shall not be less than the sum of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars at the close of any fiscal year.

Section 197—A companion who has been suspended by his Craft Lodge, the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, for any cause other than the non-payment of dues, shall stand suspended from his Royal Craft privileges while the craft discipline continues in force.

Section 250—Add the following: No Chapter shall permit any member to owe more than two years' dues without taking definite action thereon.

Section 254—No Royal Arch Mason of thirty years' uninterrupted, good and regular standing in this Jurisdiction, shall be subject to discipline for the non-payment of dues, provided, however, that Companions who hailed from a foreign Jurisdiction and who at January 1st, 1935, were exempt from discipline, within the meaning of this Section, shall continue to enjoy such exemption, and provided further, that Companions who were admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within what is now known as the Province of Alberta, prior to the formation of this Grand Jurisdiction, shall, if their membership be uninterrupted, be deemed members of this Grand Jurisdiction as from the date of such admission.

Section 255—By a majority vote, by ballot, of the members present at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter the dues of any member may be remitted, provided that notice of such motion has been given at a preceding Convocation and the members notified upon the summons for the next Regular Convocation. This shall also apply to members who have been suspended for the non-payment of dues and such motion, if adopted, shall restore these members to good standing.

FEES FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Section 259, Sub-section A	\$15.00
B	13.00
C	11.00
D	8.00
E	5.00

CAPITULAR PROCEEDINGS

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Alabama	1935	Nebraska	1936
Arizona	1936	Nevada	1936
Arkansas	1936	New Hampshire	1936
British Columbia	1936	New Jersey	1936
California	1936	New Mexico	1936
Canada	1936	New South Wales	1935
Colorado	1936	New York	1936
Connecticut	1936	North Carolina	1936
Delaware	1936	North Dakota	1936
District of Columbia	1936	Nova Scotia	1936
England	1936	Oklahoma	1936-37
Florida	1936	Ohio	1936
Gorgia	1936	Oregon	1936
Idaho	1936	Pennsylvania	1936
Illinois	1936	Quebec	1936
Indiana	1935	Queensland	1936
Iowa	1936	Saskatchewan	1936
Kansas	1936	Scotland	1936
Kentucky	1936	South Carolina	1936
Louisiana	1936	Tennessee	1937
Maine	1936	Vermont	1936
Manitoba	1936	Victoria	1936
Maryland	1935	Virginia	1936
Massachusetts	1936	Washington	1936
Michigan	1936	West Virginia	1936
Mississippi	1936	Wisconsin	1936
Missouri	1936	Wyoming	1936
Montana	1939		

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation was held in Montgomery on December 2nd, 1935.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Duncan C. Carmichael, was present and was active on committee work.

M. E. Companion W. T. S. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest, was present and installed the newly elected officers.

The address of Grand High Priest E. Houston Wills was very brief. He states that they have suffered another heavy loss in membership. He knows of no reason for this, but believes it is not due entirely to financial reasons. He is sure that if each Companion would live closer to the ideals of Masonry and attend his Chapter regularly, these losses would cease.

Last year the Ritual of General Grand Chapter was adopted. Evidently it is not in full operation yet, as the Work Committee recommend that one or more degrees be exemplified in Grand Chapter each year.

Eight Chapters gave up their charters.

There is no Fraternal Review.

56 Chapters. 4,074 Members. Net loss, 619.

E.G.I.

ARIZONA

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Phoenix, March 10th, 1936. M. E. Companion James Whetstive, Grand High Priest. Alberta was represented by Companion Everett H. McEachren.

The Grand High Priest visited officially each Chapter in his Jurisdiction, a creditable performance, and should mean much to our Companions in Arizona. Amendments to By-Laws of Subordinate Chapters making the fee for the Chapter degrees \$30.00 were approved.

This Grand Chapter had a "York Rite Festival" in Tucson on October 28th, 1935, when the M. M. Degree, M. E. M. Degree and Royal Arch Degree were conferred respectively, by Tucson Chapter, Prescott Chapter and Landmark Chapter, while the Past Master's Degree was conferred by Winkelman Chapter.

This appears to us similar to what we called "Field Days" and which are now only allowed by special dispensation by the Grand First Principal.

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 873, net loss 99. The chief ailment of this Grand Body is suspension for non-payment of dues—a universal condition. Reference is made to it in every Grand Jurisdiction. Can it not be remedied? Preventive medicine is far better than Curative. Have we not enough business ability to overcome this continual annual drain.

A resolution by Jerome Chapter requesting the per capita tax be reduced from \$1.00 to 50 cents was rejected by the Jurisprudence Committee.

No Reviews are printed in their annual reports.

J.V.F.

ARKANSAS

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation was held in the Albert Pike Memorial Temple, Little Rock, on November 19th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative was absent.

The Address of Grand High Priest Oscar E. Ellis shows him to be eager to learn conditions and quick acting to remedy them. He wastes no words. He had thought that Grand Chapter and the Chapters were not in the best of condition. He soon learned that affairs were bad. Well, judging from the Proceedings for the past three years, we would conclude so, too. He states: "In many of the Chapters the officers and members know nothing of the ritual. They can not open a Chapter in anything like creditable form. They cannot even read the ritual. To think about conferring degrees would be out of the question. They will not answer correspondence from the Grand Secretary." Out of eighty-two Chapters, thirty-three had made no returns or paid dues for from two to nine years." Grand Chapter law is, "that if a Chapter fails to assemble and work for the space of twelve months. . . . its charter will be withdrawn and declared forfeited." (What were the Grand High Priests of past years, doing?).

M. E. Companion Ellis acted. He offered each of the delinquent Chapters, "that if they would make returns and pay dues for 1935, all prior dues would be remitted." Seventeen Chapters responded; eleven charters were arrested after all efforts to arouse them failed. Seven are still under consideration.

No district deputies had been appointed for a year or two. He contacted some energetic Companions and got results.

He could find no one to act as Grand Lecturer to his liking but recommended that one be appointed.

This was Centennial Year of the founding of Arkansas, so he advised the Chapters to hold celebrations of such.

He found time to go to General Grand Chapter at St. Louis.

Grand Secretary John Q. Wolf gets much praise for his willing assistance and excellent condition of books and records. Finances show a small balance on hand. Their "cash reserves a few years ago were completely used up."

There is no Fraternal Review.

71 Chapters. 3,281 Members. Reported Net Loss, 160.

E.G.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at Nanaimo with M. E. Companion W. R. Trench, of Kelowna, presiding.

Our Grand Z., M. E. Companion Sandilands, with Grand Third Principal W. R. Ridington of Saskatoon, representing Saskatchewan, were visitors.

Ten Chapters had their By-Laws amended to reduce the Exaltation Fee—most of them to \$35.00.

From dispensations granted it would appear that six Second Principals declined to be elected to the office of First Principal. Why?

M. E. Companion Trench recommended, and it was approved, that each District hold an Annual District Meeting.

Fraternal relations and visits with the Grand Chapter of Washington are maintained with great enthusiasm.

The Financial Budget almost balances.

Grand Scribe E. J. W. Prescott writes a fine Fraternal Review. He protests against it being called "Foreign Correspondence." Space forbids mentions, except one: Under New York we find Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge severing connections with the Order of De Molay.

28 Chapters. 2232 Members. Net Loss, 125.

E.G.I.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation was held at Sacramento, April 21st, 1936. M. E. Companion Franklin R. Haley, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's representative, E. Companion Charles R. King, was present.

Instead of opening with prayer as is usual in most Grand Chapters, this Convocation Opened with the presentation and saluting of the United States' Flag, and the singing of the National Anthem.

Among those present were five survivors of the Earthquake of April 18th, 1906, who were present at Grand Chapter on that fateful date.

The Grand High Priest visited more than 75 constituent Chapters officially, and 16 Chapters twice or three time unofficially. He presented 50-year buttons to 12 Companions.

No new Chapters were formed.

The Committee on Capitular Education was handicapped by lack of sufficient funds.

The Mark Master Degree contest sponsored in various districts was strenuously contested and was won for the third year in succession

by Wilmington Chapter, No. 141. This Chapter was given a close race by San Francisco Chapter No. 1.

Public Schools Week was duly observed by dispensing with any Chapter meeting in the community on the night of observance of this particular week; thus showing that the Fraternity has always stood and is still standing four square behind the public school system and its advancement of public education.

Among recommendations submitted are:

Active support and assistance wherever possible to the Order of De Molay; Close co-operation with our Blue Lodges; Provision for auditing of Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's books by a certified Public Accountant. This last seems essential since this Grand Chapter has assets of over \$90,000.00.

A plea for service and sacrifice is strongly made, "After all is said and done, Service is the greatest thing in the world. We profit only as we serve."

"Our faith remains unshaken and our hopes and our aspirations are high and we are determined to move ever forward, onward and upward."

Membership, 20,084. Net Loss, 1,063. 126 Chapters.

J.V.F.

CANADA

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation was held at St. Catherines, Febraury 25th and 26th, 1936. M. E. Companion Geo. L. Gardiner, Grand Z. Our own good Companion, R. E. Companion J. W. Empey, represented Alberta.

The Convocation opened in Ample Form at 7:30 p.m. "God Save the King," "America" and "Fight the Good Fight," were sung after which prayer was offered.

The Mayor of St. Catherines welcomed the Companions, extended to them the freedom of the Corporation, and suggested St. Catherines as a suitable place for any Companion who contemplated a change in residence or building a factory.

Many distinguished visitors were accorded Grand Honors, among them a representative of the Grand Chapters of British Columbia and Quebec.

This convocation was held in St. Thomas' Anglican Church, the cornerstone of which had been laid by M. W. Bro. Kerr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario on September 12th, 1877.

The Grand First Principal made reference to the historic setting of the City of St. Catherines on the Niagara peninsula, and to the Niagara River as a natural boundary between the United States, with Old Glory lying on its side, and the Dominion of Canada with the Union Jack

on its side—both flags being symbolic of perfect freedom and democratic government. Proper place was given to the Jubilee of our Late King George V, and also to the King's Cancer Fund, followed almost immediately by recording the death of His Most Gracious Majesty with tribute to his life and spirit on the destinies of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Among dispensations granted was one to permit a Chapter to confer the degrees on a Brother who had lost his left arm below the elbow.

Dispensation was refused to allow Royal Arch Regalia to be worn at a Masonic Funeral.

In our judgment both very wise decisions.

Recommendation was made that a grant of \$50.00 to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge for the purchase of books dealing with Royal Arch Masonry, and a committee of three from Grand Chapter, act with the Grand Lodge committee for selection of these books, and devising ways and means of taking advantage of the Library facilities; all with the object in view to increase Masonic education among members of the Royal Craft.

Reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were optimistic and very full. The matter of outstanding dues still is a cause of concern. This matter seems to be the bane of all Grand and subordinate Chapters. Will not some genius come forward and solve this important and worrying problem?

The Superintendent from Toronto West District makes some pointed and heart searching remarks: "There is and must be a relationship between Capitular Masonry and good citizenship. Are our Companions more civic minded because of the efforts of our Chapters? How many unfortunate men and women, boys and girls have a better chance because our Chapter exists? Each of us is called upon to give support to an orderly and progressive social reconstruction, with the object in mind of making a better world in which all will have a fairer share of its blessings. One vision which must come to us is an awakening on the part of our leadership, more vitally, to practical public affairs and the real issues before our community. The really big contribution of Royal Arch Masonry should be personal service."

Alberta is given a very generous review in Foreign Correspondence.

159 Chapters. Membership, 20,903. Net Loss, 1028.

J.V.F.

COLORADO

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation was held at Denver on September 17th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Robert R. Adams, was present as Grand Chaplain. He had just received his commission, and we give him welcome.

In his fairly short address, M. E. Companion Frank D. Allen informs us that their Grand Chapter has made progress this year and like many other Grand High Priests, believes Capitular Masonry is on its way back to better times.

On request, he asked one of his Chapters to confer all Chapter Degrees on a Ohio Brother. Colorado does the work and gets the Companion, but Ohio gets the Exaltation Fee. In Alberta the Brother would have, at least, received his Mark Degree.

M. E. Companion Allen urges all officers to carry on with energy. He says, "the ideal Chapter meets on time; the members practice Masonry in their lives; the officers are proficient; in every particular the proceedings are dignified, and the moral tone is elevating. The Chapter is sacredly regarded as a secret society."

The Grand Lecturer is a very active and efficient officer. R. E. Companion Young visited each of the fifty-one Chapters at least once during the year, and he makes an exhaustive report. Although "all Chapters are on the up-grade, the lack of proficiency of some of the officers" makes lamentable reading. Sixteen High Priests, twenty-eight Kings and thirty-four Scribes could not confer any part of any degree; and three High Priests, thirteen Kings and eighteen Scribes could not do his part in opening or closing a Chapter. Why will honorable Companions allow themselves to be elected and neglect their duties?

Three Past Grand High Priests had passed to the Great Beyond.

E. Companion Edwin H. Snyder gives a fine informative Fraternal Review, with a few comments. Alberta, under M. E. Companion Andy Davison, gets favorable comment.

51 Chapters. 6,065 Members. Net loss, 292.

E.G.I.

CONNECTICUT

A Special Convocation held in the Masonic Temple, Hartford, May 11th, 1936. M. E. Companion J. C. Stanley, Grand High Priest, presiding.

This Convocation was called for the purpose of the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Hartford, Tuesday, May 12th, 1936.

M. E. Companion J. C. Stanley, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and 35 Grand Representatives were present. Alberta was not represented.

Distinguished visitors from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire, Quebec, were received with the Grand Honors and welcomed to seats in the East.

The Grand High Priest, in his address under necrology, refers to the passing of M. E. Companion G. A. Kies, Grand Secretary from 1913 to 1929 when he was made Grand Secretary Emeritus.

We excerpt from his address: "I find nothing in our code or laws preventing intelligent, tactful and dignified proselyting, always keeping in mind, that we are a dignified body and particularly the fitness of the brother approached, both morally and financially, that he may not be overpersuaded to take on a burden beyond his capacity. I do not hold for mass production or high-powered salesmanship; neither have a place in our Chapters."

The Grand High Priest reports having visited the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Ohio, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, as well as a number of his own constituent Chapters.

M. E. Companion W. L. Cort, appointed Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest after consultation with the Past Grand High Priests, 18 of whom favored discontinuing the printing of the Review in the Annual Proceedings and with the consent of his officers, he ordered the discontinuing this part of the Proceedings for the years of 1935 and 1936.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 12,592 a net loss of 576.

No reviews.

M. E. Companion G. P. Bard, Stafford Springs, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion W. L. Cort, New Haven, Grand Secretary.

Next Convocation to be held in the Masonic Temple, Hartford, May 11th, 1937.

A.W.

DELAWARE

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington on January 15th, 1936. M. E. Companion Calvin E. Afflerbach, Grand High Priest. Alberta's Representative was present.

Distinguished visitors were received and accorded Grand Honors from Delaware, New York, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and from the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A.

The Grand High Priest officially visited the five subordinate Chapters in his jurisdiction, accompanied by a large majority of Grand Chapter officers each time. His topics were "For God," "Challenge of Masonry," and "Masonic Education."

Here is what he stressed: "These are trying times but as Masons we can set examples which youth may follow. If you want youth to be moral, if you want youth to think of God more often than at marriages and funerals, at Xmas and Easter time, it is up to you to set a fine example of public church worship."

"There must be a fight to the death with the Church and Masonry on one side and Communism of the other."

"Great truths may be found by search within our Temples. The sponge and the spring furnish us a homely example of two types of Companions. The sponge takes everything within its grasp, and has to be squeezed before it gives up anything. The spring gives and gives and gives, becoming the brook, the creek, the river, and, as they wend their way to the mighty ocean, make possible the pleasant valleys and fruitful vegetation. Would that we had more of the latter type among our membership.

Chapters, 5. Membership, 1,486. Net loss, 57.

J.V.F.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation was held at Washington, D.C., on February 12th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative was absent.

Two Special Convocations had been called during the year, at one of which a Special Committee reported on the state of the finances of Grand Chapter. It was found that as the income had decreased, the expenses had been curtailed in unison. Grand Chapter was "being maintained at a low cost." The only item of expense which might be eliminated was "the interjurisdictional visits of distinguished visitors," and these were deemed highly desirable.

The Address of Grand High Priest Otto B. Roepke indicates that he has been, and is, an enthusiastic, energetic Mason. Besides being Grand High Priest, on December 27th, 1935, he became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Of course, in extent this jurisdiction is small, which eliminates travelling, but nevertheless contains many men of highly technical education. He reports a decided improvement in the condition of the craft. An effort was made to reclaim those Companions who had been dropped in the past five years. These were offered a remission of all past dues, except for the current year. Results were good.

A High Priests' Association and Schools of Instruction, held regularly, work well in District of Columbia.

A Masonic Personnel and Service Bureau is maintained by Grand Chapter to assist their own and, perhaps other Companions, to obtain employment. Previously each Chapter paid 7-1/2 cents annually per member to defray the cost of running the bureau, now Grand Chapter pays for same.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is being maintained in splendid condition, but no new construction is being carried on.

The Committee said M. E. Companion Roepke's great success was described in two words: "Good Fellowship." They marvelled at his untiring energy in his many Masonic activities.

E. Companion J. Walter Karsner's Fraternal Review is one of the best we have read. In his Foreword he says he has "confined his report to vital facts, with a minimum of comment," still we get much worth while. All Reviewers are cutting to the limit, which is regrettable.

16 Chapters. 4,735 Members: Net loss, 61:

E.G.I:

ENGLAND

This Review covers the Quarterly Convocations of May 6th, August 5th, November 4th, 1936, and February 3rd, 1937.

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood is Pro First Grand Principal, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught is Grand First Principal, he having entered the 36th year in that office. The Earl of Harewood is the active head. All the principal Grand Officers hold those positions by virtue of having the same office in Grand Lodge. Grand Scribe E. Sir Colville Smith had had a serious illness during the year.

At the November Convocation M. E. Companion Harry H. Watson of Vancouver was a distinguished visitor.

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cassillis, Grand First Principal of Scotland, was welcomed at the February Session. At this convocation £200 had been voted to rebuild the finest Masonic Temple in India, at Quetta, which had been destroyed by an earthquake. Grand Lodge and other Grand Bodies had assisted, also.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons at the Quarterly Communication of June 2nd, 1936, mourned the death of the Deputy Grand Master, The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldenham.

E.G.I.

FLORIDA

Ninetieth Annual Convocation at the City of Mirianna, May 5th and 6th, 1936. M. E. Companion George A. Dame, Grand High Priest. Alberta not represented. Membership, 3,575.

The Grand High Priest made a very succinct report of his stewardship for the year. He did not "make many visits to the various Chapters" due to lack of time and Grand Chapter finances. Recommends careful survey of their finances, liquidate weak and unsuccessful Chapters by consolidation or surrender of charters and the compiling of a history of the Grand Chapter.

No reviews.

M. E. Companion Cleveland R. Horne elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

GEORGIA

One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation at Macon April 29th, 1936. M. E. Companion Francis A. Johnson, Grand High Priest, presiding. Membership, 6,404. Alberta represented by Companion Zach Arnold.

The address of the Grand High Priest was brief but covered a year of considerable activity and encouragement. The State had just been

devastated by a grim tornado that carried death and destruction in its path. The Grand High Priest appealed to the Companions to continue the work of relief and "give 'till it hurts."

Alberta is reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Companion B. Palmer Axson was elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

IDAHO

Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation at Boise, May 12th and 13th, 1936. M. E. Companion Edward D. Sanman, Grand High Priest, presiding. Membership, 1,965. Companion Roy V. Locey presented greetings from Alberta.

The Grand High Priest says: "it had been a year of perfect harmony without one discord to mar it." His visitations were quite numerous finding some Chapters making excellent progress; others not quite so good. He had, however, observed an increase in interest and activity throughout the jurisdiction and he firmly believed it was accomplished by proper education in Royal Arch Masonry and concludes, "what is needed are Companions who will go out and do things, and not sit back waiting for some one else to act in their stead." Quite, quite true.

Alberta is given an interesting capitular review.

M. E. Companion Axel F. Anderson succeeds as Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation at Chicago, October 29th and 30th, 1936.

M. E. Companion Clarence L. Wolfe, Grand High Priest.

The Convocation was opened with an excellent prayer by the Grand Chaplain. The reviewer would think that every Grand Chapter should commence its deliberations by asking Light from the G.A.O.T.U.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion Frank Simmons from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

Alberta's Representative was not present.

The Grand High Priest's report is very comprehensive and covers every phase of his activities which were many and various.

He reports another loss in membership, though not as large as in 1935. He states that in his opinion the turning point has not yet been reached. He finds 35 per cent of the entire membership in arrears for dues for one or more years and in one Chapter, out of 74 members,

66 were in arrears for five or more years, and one Companion owed 22 years' dues. How a Companion can be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and owe 22 years' dues is beyond our comprehension! This must be a practical working of Social Credit!!

Reasons given for this condition are poor management and inefficient officers.

Among his decisions is this one: A Secretary should not transmit any of the business transacted by the Chapter to any other organization under the seal of the Chapter. We heartily concur.

Several Chapters consolidated during the year and the Grand High Priest predicted the passing out of existence of several Chapters unless they do likewise.

Regular inspection of Chapters is a rule of the Grand Body since 1915, an excellent idea if properly worked. Schools, corresponding to our District Meetings and Chapters of Instruction, were held in five districts, and as is pointed out, not only is instruction in degree work given, but these schools provide a meeting place where officers and members can convene once annually and discuss matters of mutual interest to all.

Contributions of \$5,000 towards assisting the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital, and \$1,000 to the Illinois Masonic Hospital, were granted.

The Grand Treasurer reported total cash and securities as \$132,231.24.

Alberta receives a brief review.

230 Active Chapters. Membership, 51,380. Net loss, 3,845.

J.V.F

INDIANA

The Ninetieth Annual Convocation was held at Anderson on October 23rd, 1935.

Our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Robert M. H. Britton was present. He wrote the Memorial, Our Own Fraternal Dead, and he gives us this beautiful thought:

"They never quite leave us, the friends who've passed
Through the Shadow of Death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

Through the Address of Grand High Priest John H. Bassett we learn that he devoted his time to the business end of Grand Chapter, leaving the ritualistic part to the Grand Lecturer Herbert A. Graham, who is well qualified, and who apparently devotes it his full time as he is paid annually \$2,533.33 and \$350 for expenses. M. E. Companion Bassett found finances in bad shape. In 1931 cash and securities amounted to over \$38,000, but in 1934, owing to the failure of banks,

and the fact that their expenses exceeded their income by \$10,000, the cash and securities were only about \$6,700. He said drastic measures were necessary and recommended that salaries be cut—Grand Treasurer by \$50, Grand Secretary by \$600, and Grand Lecturer by \$1,083, etc., which was approved. (We wonder why some items were cut and others not, such as Grand Chapter Dinner, \$320; Grand High Priest's Jewel, \$105, and Mileage and Per Diem, \$3,450, as each member receives \$6 for the two day session and 10c per mile travelled. Alberta has never had Mileage and Per Diem.) The Capitular Review was cut out.

An Educational Committee of three is to be appointed, each to serve for three years, to assist Chapters to obtain suitable information to present to their Chapters.

Two weak Chapters were given another year to arouse themselves to life.

M. E. Companion Bassett says the condition of the Chapters is improving, but complains of lax methods of some Chapters in collecting dues.

R. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary, resigned after 15 years' service, on account of advanced age and health.

Grand Lecturer Graham recommended that the minimum fee for exaltation be reduced from \$20 to \$10, but Grand Chapter said "No." (We think so, too. If a Companion cannot pay \$20 for these fine degrees, he may soon think he cannot pay annual dues.)

At the Annual Dinner a fine address was delivered in which the speaker showed the close connection between Masonry and the formation of the United States of America. Of the 56 persons who signed the Declaration of Independence, 53 were Masons. When the Constitution of the United States was formulated, 50 out of 55 delegates were Masons. It is considered the finest form of government and law ever conceived. He states there is a possibility that radicals or communists will destroy it, if Masons do not stand fast to uphold it.

The Committee on Place of Meeting of Annual Convocation decided on one city but Grand Chapter voted to accept another city's invitation.

115 Chapters. 24,874 Members. Net Loss, 1,566.

E.G.I.

IOWA

Eighty-second Convocation at Fort Dodge, April 21st, 1936.
M. E. Companion E. Dusenber, Grand High Priest. Membership, 11,005.

In his address the Grand High Priest felt he could "truthfully say that Harmony and Unity exist everywhere within our ranks." Further he says, "We passed through that mad ritualistic spree that completely demoralised the real teachings and fundamentals of Masonry. We builded our Masonic structure so fast and so high that the cement of Brotherly love and affection never had a chance to harden into a firm

foundation and the inevitable happened—our thin walled Masonic structure collapsed.” He adds that “we are now back to earth” and will soon again “start building but on a foundation that will stand the storms of time.” The report of activities of the Grand High Priest during his term of office is lengthy and highly interesting even to an outsider. He concludes: “Masonry was never more needed than it is today to inculcate in the minds of its members a knowledge of the fundamental principles by which the world is governed. The world today is looking for the builder rather than the dictator.”

Floyd B. Beckwith elected Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by Companion L. J. Clarke. No reviews.

J.W.G.M.

KANSAS

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Hasons of the State of Kansas was held in the Masonic Temple, Topeka, Kansas, on Monday the Seventeenth of February, 1936

M. E. Companion Asa T. Hoge, Grand High Priest presided.

There were present 16 Past Grand High Priests and 47 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions. M. E. Companion J. W. Neilson, Past General Grand High Priest. Alberta was not represented. 63 Chapters represented, 33 not represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest deals particularly with matters within the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Under the “State of the Order” we quote: “There is an urgent and imperative need for every Masonic Society to function as never before. It is not a time to evade individual responsibility, or to rely upon our officers. The admonition and order contained in the parable of the talents is before all of us in burning letters. What will you do about it? What shall I do? If we bury our talent, the result is certain. If we make use of it, we shall individually and collectively know the fuller life, and experience the abundant rewards.”

Under the item of “New Ritual” he states: “I have requested consideration on the part of the several Chapters and have asked them for an expression as to their desires. First, as to whether or not a new single-book ritual with the wording abbreviated would enlarge the list of workers and renew interest in the Chapter. Second, should the second section of the Royal Arch Degree be eliminated or made optional? Third, would the optional elimination of the second section be satisfactory in order to permit Chapters so desiring to continue in the work adopted so many years ago? The responses showed an overwhelming desire for a one-book ritual, and nearly as many against the proposal to eliminate or change the work.

Under the item “General Grand Chapter,” he states that in view of the satisfactory record of the Grand Chapter of Kansas in meeting their obligations towards the General Grand Chapter and without making any improper reference to expense, having in mind changed con-

ditions and finances, he recommends that the expenses of the delegation to the Grand Chapter Convocation, do not exceed \$1,000.00.

Grand Secretary reports a membership of 12,159, net loss of 740.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, Alberta receives a very appreciative and generous recognition, there being extensive quotations from the address of the Grand First Principal. The writer regrets that 1935 was not reviewed, 1936 being the first referred to him.

M. E. Companion Nathan B. Thompson, Topeka, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Elmer F. Strain, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Next place of meeting Wichita, February 15th, 1937.

A.W.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 20th and 21st, 1936. Geo. L. Blackford, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest had a busy year but did not accept any invitations to visit other Grand Jurisdictions. It is pleasing to note that other Grand Chapter officers were given certain districts to inspect and that in the performance of their duties they not only gave great assistance to the individual Chapters, but also received valuable experience to fit them for higher office when regularly advanced.

This inspectorate appeals to us as a first-class piece of Masonic business.

The charters of four Chapters were arrested during the year, and several others are in such difficulties that a recommendation to appoint a special committee was made, this committee to discuss the condition of subordinate Chapters requiring attention with a view to revival and rehabilitation of such Chapters. (This is exactly what our Grand Chapter proposed and accepted at our recent Annual Communication). Two weak Chapters consolidated into one during the year.

This matter of consolidation appears to us to be in the right direction and we believe the Craft will be better served and on a firmer footing as a result.

Owing to some deviations by subordinate Chapters the Grand High Priest found it necessary to issue a letter to all Chapters under his jurisdiction calling attention to these variations and implicitly stating: "You are hereby directed to cease and desist from the use of any Ritual, part or parts of a Ritual, except that authorized by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons."

Annual expenditure, including \$1,500 for the Old Masons' Home, was about equal to the annual income. The Grand Chapter has a total of \$45,975.00 (par value) in Investment Bonds.

The Grand Secretary is pleased with the condition of the Royal Craft in Kentucky, and states that the future looks bright.

The Report of Necrology containing the little poem, "This Old Clay House," is one of the nicest and sweetest reports it has even been the privilege of this reviewer to read. Our sincerest thanks are extended to M. E. Companion A. Gordon Sulser for this gem.

Alberta was very generously reviewed.

Total membership, 9,740. Net Loss, 708.

J.V.F.

LOUISIANA

Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation at New Orleans, February 4th and 5th 1936. M. E. Companion George J. Ginsberg, Grand High Priest. Membership, 4,506.

In his address covering the year's work the Grand High Priest is convinced that only in serving Masonry "can we truly appreciate that we only gain in the measure we put into it, and when we appreciate our rich returns, we then can realise how bountiful is our institution in its dividends." He further felt "quantity was not the 24-inch gauge by which we should measure our strength but rather the true square, plumb and level by which the perfect ashlar is fashioned ever the most desirable tools."

M. E. Companion Clarence R. Markland elected Grand High Priest

Alberta fraternally reviewed. Review appreciated.

J.W.G.M.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Chapter of Maine was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, May 5th, 1936.

M. E. Companion John C. Arnold, Grand High Priest, presiding.

There were present 108 representatives of sixty-one of the sixty-eight chartered Chapters; eleven of the thirteen living Past Grand High Priests; twenty-nine of the thirty-three Permanent Members, and fifty-four of the sixty-two Representatives of other Grand Chapters.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion W. Scott Shorey.

Distinguished Guests presented included, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Grand High Priest and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Grand High Priest and Grand Captain of Host of Massachusetts, Grand Scribe of New York, Past Grand High Priest of Connecticut, Grand High Priest and Grand Chaplain of Vermont, Grand High Priest of New Hampshire, Grand First Principal and Grand Secretary of Quebec.

The Grand High Priest gives a very complete and detailed report of a busy year of office.

Under the item of "Condition of the Rite," he states: "A changing condition within our jurisdiction is for the better. A big increase in membership? No. Our present strength is not to be measured by numbers but rather by the interest and purpose of the Companions. After reviewing the reports of the deputies and as a result of my personal visitations to widely separated sections of the State I have reached the gratifying conclusion that we are beginning to adjust ourselves to world conditions as they are. Men are giving more thought to the fulfillment of Masonic duty and obligations. The altruistic, the social, moral and charitable activities are being stressed and this is a wholesome sign. Awakening an individual consciousness foretells a renewed Faith in Fatherhood, an added zeal to spread the practices of Brotherhood."

In conclusion he states: "Proud in a heritage which comes to us from one hundred and ten years life of this Grand Chapter, glad in the comradeship of this hour—faith in the Great Jehovah opens the flood gates of Divine Guidance in all our deliberations. In that Faith let us proceed."

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 12,749; net loss of 846.

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand \$17,349.90; Stocks and Bonds \$36,700.00.

The Committee on Memorials reports the death of H. R. Chaplin, Past Grand Scribe; J. A. Gould, Grand Steward; Past Grand High Priest C. Chapman, Grand Representative since 1917; and Past Grand First Principal F. S. Selwood, Grand Representative since 1919, and 295 Companions.

The Trustees of the Charity Fund report amount on hand of \$39,065.23.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence covers 90 pages. Alberta receives recognition.

M. E. Companion J. C. Arnold, Augusta, Grand High Priest, re-elected.

R. E. Companion C. E. Leach, Portland, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

Next Convocation to be held at Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, May 4th, 1937.

A.W.

MANITOBA

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held at Winnipeg on February 12th, 1936.

Immediately the Grand Chapter opened tribute to our late King George V was suitably given by M. E. Companion Alex Little.

Among distinguished visitors was the Grand Z. of Alberta, M. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, who was later honoured with Honorary Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

The Grand First Principal made 15 official visits to Chapters in his jurisdiction as well as to the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Minnesota and North Dakota. Rare privileges in order to learn to serve his Companions at home better now and in the future.

His philosophising is good, e.g., "The appeal, through a proper exemplification, is often the door through which comes that inner consciousness of a revealed Truth!"

"Our convocations must be made so interesting that he who tsays away will find that he is missing something worth while."

"Masonry to be interesting must be enlightening."

Expenditure was \$22.12 over receipts.

Grand Superintendents were all optimistic over the condition of the Order in their several districts and held out strong hopes for the future. A possibility of a new Chapter at The Pas is encouraging.

Outstanding Dues are still a very pressing question.

Alberta's official Representative was not present, neither was Alberta reviewed in Fraternal Correspondence.

Total Membership, 1,437. Decrease, 61.

J.V.F.

MARYLAND

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Baltimore, on Tuesday, December 10th, 1935.

M. E. Companion J. H. Lubbers, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The distinguished visitors present included the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland, Sov. Grand Inspector General, A.A. S.R. Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Companions from Columbia, Delaware, Virginia and Tennessee. 29 Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were presented at the Altar. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand High Priest in a brief address deals with activities within his Grand Chapter, under Necrology he refers to the passing of P.G.H.P. Rawlings and Morningstar, and 152 Companions.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, C. E. Smyrk, gives a very complete and comprehensive statement of the condition of Capitular Masonry in Maryland and should be read by each constituent Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reports 26 Chapters with a membership of 7,403; a net decrease of 643.

The Committee on Capitular Education is to be commended for its excellent report and the suggestions submitted.

The sum of \$250.00 was donated to the United Patriotic Home for Orphan Children of Maryland.

Alberta was included among the reviews by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Your reviewer regrets that Maryland was not reviewed last year, but this is the first time your Proceedings have been sent to him.

M. E. Companion W. J. Latch, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion G. A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

A.W.

MASSACHUSETTS

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation on December 8th, 1936, at Masonic Temple, Boston. M. E. Companion Ralph Lowe Jr., Grand High Priest. Attendance large, Alberta represented. Membership, 29,533. Each Chapter pays a fee of \$6.00 and each candidate, \$5.00. The per capita tax is 10 cents, the lowest in the United States.

The Grand High Priest finds a greater number of restorations; more affiliations; diminution of suspensions, demits and deaths—something they had not experienced in years. Gives extended reviews of his visitations. The Grand High Priest also makes several attractive suggestions for Chapter notices such as class reunions, district scribe nights, Christmas or New Year's Eve parties, family nights, town meeting nights, etc. In his address, "The Road Ahead", the Grand High Priest recognizes that while Masonry does not change, fundamentals do. Masonry must, therefore, adjust itself to these varying cycles of human life.

R. E. Companion Edward H. Whittemore, West Roxbury, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

MICHIGAN

The Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 20th and 21st, 1936. Called to order at 9:30 a.m. by M. E. Companion Grand High Priest William N. Senf.

The Convocation had been arranged to be held at Muskegon but owing to a fire at this city, the place of meeting was changed to Grand Rapids.

All Grand Officers present; fifteen Past Grand High Priests, and a total number of voting members of 263. Forty Grand Representatives being welcomed, amongst them Alberta's—Walter E. Zimmer.

Twelve distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honours, and responded with greeting and messages. It was very unfortunate that the health of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion N. Senf, had been very indifferent during his term of office, preventing him from responding to invitations to Sister Jurisdictions. We sincerely trust he is now fully recovered.

Thirteen dispensations were issued, several of which we note were to receive and ballot on petitions at the same meeting; and in one case to receive and ballot on three applications and confer degrees without delay. Surely this is travelling at high speed and it is doubtful if these candidates will appreciate membership in the Order as if taken in the usual course.

Several amendments to the Constitution were approved by Grand Chapter, plural membership and reduction of fees for special dispensations from \$5.00 to \$1.00; permission for Chapters to have increase of book of work, making (Lansing) a permanent place of meeting of Grand Chapter. Power being granted to the Grand High Priest to change both time and place if deemed necessary.

The Grand Lecturer tendered a very exclusive report of his activities during the year. (Which seems to take the place of our Grand Superintendents). He having held some 56 classes in 56 different places 129 Chapters participated, 3,169 attended, 93 receiving degrees. This distinguished Companion, Geo. W. Armstrong, P.G.H.P., says in part: "During the third of a century that I have been in the Grand Chapter I have met and been associated with many Grand High Priests, all of whom I have held in high esteem and regard, and each of whom in the course of his services has left his mark upon the records of this Grand Chapter. The present Grand High Priest, Companion W. N. Senf, has filled every office leading to the exalted position, which he now holds, and has done so in such a manner as to endear himself to the Companions throughout the State who have felt the influence of his noble character and his sympathetic heart." (Truly a splendid tribute and much better given while it can be appreciated, than written on the allotted page.)

Number of Chapters, 163; average membership, 182; 69 Chapters having exaltations, 8 showing gains, 150 showing losses; life members, 2,006; members' dues remitted, 2,629; total membership, 29,649; net loss, 3,322; benevolent fund, \$6,293.07 an increase of \$350.00, (like our own does not appear to be overworked.)

M. E. Companion James Frank Firestone, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Charles Arthur Conover, Grand Secretary.

W.E.M.

MISSISSIPPI

Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation, Jackson, February 12th, 1936. M. E. Companion L. L. Conerly, Grand High Priest, presiding. Membership, 2,998.

The address of the Grand High Priest is very brief. He reports "more interest manifested throughout the State than has been for the

past several years." He anticipates greater things to be accomplished next year (1936-37).

Alberta is represented by Companion Arthur M. Lyell. H. C. Yawn presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence and gives Alberta an interesting page.

M. E. Companion James Henry Johnson elected Grand High Priest for 1936-37.

J.W.G.M.

MISSOURI

Ninetieth Annual Convocation held at Jefferson City, April 28th and 29th, 1936. M. E. Companion Guy E. Million, Grand High Priest, presided over what, judging from the proceedings, was a most interesting and successful convocation.

Alberta being represented by Grand Organist G. L. Fishthorn.

M. E. Companion Million had a very busy year visiting and conferring with representatives of constituent Chapters, dealing with many matters of importance, and one feels he exhibited much wisdom in his decisions.

This Grand Chapter has not escaped heavy inroads of depletion but is still stronger than twenty years ago, but, like many more, the quantity of unpaid dues is a matter for serious consideration. We note a motion being brought for consideration to change the laws to the end that those two years in arrears be automatically dropped from the roll of membership and making changes to facilitate reinstatements.

A goodly number of distinguished visitors were welcomed and addressed the Companions. We regret to learn that three Companions on their way to the convocation met with a serious car accident one of whom died from the results, we would extend our sympathy.

Deputy Grand High Priest George C. Marquis, in his four page report as Grand Lecturer, of his visits and contacts with some of the 73 Chapters, says in part: "This is my twentieth annual report as your Grand Lecturer, the two decades have witnessed marvelous changes in scientific discovery and development, bringing to our very hearthstones the music and arts, and learning of ages; the perfection of inventive genius, eliminating time and annihilating distance; the most devastating war in the history of man; a period of material luxury and prosperity never before experienced; followed by the depression which has left us bankrupt financially, morally and spiritually, and from which, I believe and hope, we are now just beginning slowly but surely to emerge. These things are all reflected in the work in which we are engaged.

"Twenty years ago the membership of this Grand Chapter was 15,237, today it is 18,671 or a little more than one-half of the number on our rolls in 1926, when our membership was 35,775, the gain is small and the loss is great. When we consider that during the twenty years our Chapters have exalted 33,714, almost as many as we ever claimed as members at one time, and nearly twice the number we now have. During the first ten years we grew by leaps and bounds, our losses during the

last ten years have nearly balanced the scale, yet we are stronger numerically by 3,434 than we were twenty years ago. Our problems that have confronted Freemasonry from the day of its inception, the intelligence, the zeal and the hopes of its leaders today, have been the hope of leaders in all the ages past. The ability to do and accomplish is as great now as ever before, and know without question, that Freemasonry and this Grand Chapter need not fear for the future."

The reviewer for this Grand Chapter is to be complimented on the arrangement, classification and indexation of some 90 odd pages, all of which is very interesting reading, with a fund of useful information.

Companion Ray V. Denslow gave Alberta a liberal amount of space. These reviews will well repay a careful study of anyone fortunate enough to procure a copy of Missouri 1936 Proceedings.

Grand High Priest Frank P. Briggs.

Grand Secretary Ray V. Denslow.

W.E.M.

MONTANA

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Lewiston on June 16th, 1936. M. E. Companion Charles A. Rasmussen, Grand High Priest.

We regret that Alberta's Representative was absent.

The Convocation was opened in Ample Form. Prayer was offered after the necrology report. Reception of distinguished visitors is recorded at the afternoon session.

During the year no official decisions were asked for or made. Only one dispensation was granted. While paying as with many official visits as possible to subordinate Chapters by himself and other Grand Chapter officers, the Grand High Priest visited the Grand Chapter of Iowa's District Convention at Atlantic, Iowa, where he had received both his Master Mason and Royal Arch degrees—the first visit to this lodge room in nearly 25 years, and he says, "We confess to enjoying somewhat of a thrill in being able to return to our early companions as a Grand High Priest from another jurisdiction." He was fortunate to find five Companions present whom he had known at the time of his exaltation. The reviewer had a similar experience in 1935, when he visited the lodge room of his initiation passing and raising after 29 years absence and found only one brother who remembered him.

The Grand High Priest reports the state of the Craft in Montana (our nearest neighbour to the South) shows a very satisfactory improvement. Reduction in net losses were 62 per cent better than the preceding year, and hopes were expressed for a net increase in the following year.

One Chapter is causing undue worry and will probably be asked to surrender its charter after the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The only recommendation proposed was a Committee on Suspensions and Demits be appointed by the High Priest of each subordinate

Chapter, to consist of three members and function for one year, to co-operate with the Secretary in regard to collection of dues, reinstatements, etc. Looks to us like a sound and sensible proposition.

In relinquishing his office he states that there exists over the entire Jurisdiction a splendid spirit of harmony and unity. Royal Arch Masonry in Montana Marches On!

309 degrees were conferred during the year, 12 Chapters conferring 264 of these. Dues were remitted to 176 members because of inability to pay.

Total Membership, 3,375. Net loss, 107.

J.V.F.

NEBRASKA

The Seventieth Annual Convocation was held at Omaha, on December 2nd, 1936.

Our Grand Representative of many years standing, R. E. Companion Dr. Hayes Gsantner, was present.

The Address of Grand High Priest Carl R. Greisen shows that Grand Chapter affairs have been properly and efficiently managed. He had attended General Grand Chapter on October 7th, at St. Louis, Mo., and greatly enjoyed the hospitality of the Missouri Companions and all the friendships formed.

He approved a By-Law of a Chapter requiring the elected and appointed officers to exemplify once a year, at least, regardless of candidates, all Chapter degrees.

Two Chapters were consolidated into one.

He recommended: 1. The adoption of a certificate as the official recognition of fifty years' membership. Adopted. 2. That a Companion could not act as High Priest of his Chapter for more than two consecutive years. Not adopted.

He found that Chapter affairs were on the up-grade and Companions who had been suspended for non-payment of dues were returning to Masonry.

Each of the Grand Officers are given some Chapters to visit and submit a Report of their activities. (A fine idea).

A Chapter requested Grand Chapter "to permit and remit the per capita tax and local dues on all reinstatements of suspended Companions on record for Non-payment of Dues" but the Committee said "No."

A Chapter had passed a resolution that Grand Chapter dues be not paid until all other indebtedness had been met. As a result it had always been late in remitting its dues. Grand Chapter had been lenient until the circumstances were found out. Now they must pay the arrears by a certain date or penalties will be imposed. It was pointed out that a Chapter has no inherent authority nor even any right of

existence apart and distinct from its Grand Chapter and its dues to that Parent Body should come first not last. In fact when dues are collected from a Companion the amount of per capita tax so obtained should be set aside until remitted to Grand Chapter.

All other Chapters had paid up-to-date and on time. Good.

This writer has the honor to be the Grand Representative of Nebraska but for the first time in many years was unavoidably absent from his Grand Chapter Convocation this year.

There is no Fraternal Review.

54 Chapters. 5,426 Members. Net loss 444.

E.G.I.

NEVADA

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada held in Masonic Temple, Reno, on June 9th 1936. The Grand High Priest Companion Andrew Ruckteschler welcomed some twelve Past Grand High Priests to seats in the East. Five Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nevada were in attendance showing that fraternal spirit which should exist between the two Bodies that in actuality are but one. Grand Honors being accorded them they were placed in the East.

The Grand High Priest at the close of his address says in part: "In reviewing my part official report for the year I find all our Chapters are in a far better condition than they were during the so-called depression years. What a happy and satisfactory finding; not many so fortunate.

One dispensation, no decisions nine official visits covering all the Chapters. Financial condition improved, membership increased. Altogether a very successful year's record.

Number of Chapters 9. Total membership 577. Increase 13.

Most Excellent Companion George Day, Grand High Priest.

Rt. Excellent Companion Edward C. Peterson, Grand Scribe E.

Alberta not represented.

W.E.M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Convocation May 19th, 1936, held at Concord. M. E. Companion Frank N. Graves Grand High Priest presiding. Membership 4,141. Alberta not represented.

From the Grand High Priest's address it is gathered that much work is being done by the subordinate Chapters and that while in many

there appeared a temporary lack of candidates they are all looking optimistically into the future, feeling that they will soon be again on the up-grade.

No reviews of foreign correspondence.

J.W.G.M.

NEW JERSEY

Eightieth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton on May 13th, 1936. M. E. Companion John G. Crawford, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's Representative was present.

The Convocation opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Many distinguished visitors were received, among them being R. E. Companion Mills, Grand H. of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Necrological portion of the Grand High Priest's report, prayer was again offered, and a solo, "Going Home," was rendered.

During the year a new Representative for Alberta was appointed in the person of E. Companion William E. Vogel of Newark. We welcome Companion Vogel and trust he will be long spared to act as our Representative, and that he will be present at all annual convocations.

By-Laws of several Chapters were amended allowing a fee of \$20.00 for advancement and exaltation.

The reports from the 14 District Grand Chapters of Instruction were either very good or excellent.

Many visitations were made to subordinate Chapters, and also to other Grand Jurisdictions including the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario.

One Chapter surrendered its Charter during the year.

Among recommendations made are these:

"Chapters be allowed to consolidate under certain rules and regulations."

"Allowance to be made for dual membership, dues to be paid in both Chapters, but the member to have no vote in the second Chapter on petitions for membership."

Alberta received an excellent review by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Charity reported no matters pertaining to charity have been brought to its attention during the past year.

This Grand Chapter has a travelling Keystone which was presented to six Chapters during the year. At each of these Chapters the Keystone was received with enthusiasm and the Companions turned out in goodly numbers. The Keystone has cemented a firmer bond of

fellowship and has caused renewed interest in Capitular Masonry among those who have not attended regularly.

At the Installation of officers for the ensuing year prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the Convocation was closed with prayer. This practice of asking guidance from and giving thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe at our annual meetings can be copied with profit and blessing by other jurisdictions.

57 Chapters. Total Membership, 13,342. Net Loss, 1,552.

J.V.F.

NEW MEXICO

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Albuquerque on March 19th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative was absent again.

The Address of Grand High Priest Raymond E. A. Drolet is brief, containing little except of local interest. His "Dispensations Granted" were to "receive and ballot on petitions out of time," so that York Rite Festivals could be held, at which all degrees were conferred on a class in one day. M. E. Companion Drolet recommends these Festivals.

R. E. Companion Alpheus A. Keen has been the one and only Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer reports he has not been able to do much in the way of ritualistic instruction during the year.

The Educational Committee had no activity and it was abolished.

The per capita tax was reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.25 a year.

M. E. Companion Reuben Perry writes a good general purpose Fraternal Review, in which Alberta, under M. E. Companion Andy Davison, gets favorable mention.

14 Chapters. 1,294 Members. Net Loss, 63.

E.G.I.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales held four quarterly and one special convocation all of which were presided over by M. E. Companion Hamilton B. Mathews, Grand First Principal. The four quarterly meetings dealing with the ordinary routine business, and the special meeting for installing and investing of the Grand Officers.

A full line of Grand Officers in attendance at each meeting with a good array of Past Grand Z's and Past Grand Officers. Grand Representatives present at each meeting, with as many as thirty-six at some, but failed to find Alberta represented at any.

The Grand First Principal's Address on each occasion being brief and to the point. Eighteen districts reporting on the activities through the Deputies and Grand Inspectors of Workings. The visitations and activities of Past Grand Z.'s and other Past Grand Officers shows a very commendable, keen interest, and must very materially assist in preserving and extending a desire on the part of constituent Chapters to attain a high standard of efficiency.

From the reports given we gather that the Chapters are all in a healthy condition fully maintaining the high traditions of our order. Great enthusiasm is developed at all centres, a band of energetic workers for the dissemination of the principles of Masonry and earnestly striving for the improvement of their fellowmen. "How grand to be able to say this, and the Proceedings fully bear it out."

M. E. Companion Mathews is now filling, or has already filled, his second term of office as Grand Z. It was a pleasant time spent in pursuing the fifty seven pages of reviews in which Alberta gets a share. Thank you, Companion Faulks.

Extracts from the Foreword. If these reviews are studied and pondered over they will materially help in disseminating knowledge in matters appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry; the cessation of some Grand Chapters of the publication of Fraternal Reviews is much to be regretted. These reviews afford a standard of education which is vitally needed in the Royal Arch world today and we hope the time is not far distant when these Grand Chapters will resume the publication of this section in their Annual Proceedings, to which we heartily respond S.M.I.B.

Number of Chapters, 77. Total membership, 3,094. Net loss, 24.

Grand First Principal, Hamilton B. Mathews.

Grand Scribe E., F. R. Sinden.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

The proceedings under review are the half yearly of 30th May, 1936, and special communication 18th July, 1936. This Grand Body concerns itself with the degrees of Mark Master and Ark Mariner. M. W. Brother Hamilton B. Mathews, for the seventh time presiding, in welcoming the brethren to the Forty-seventh Annual Meeting especially thanks them for the hearty co-operation which had marked the efforts of the past year, every present and past Grand Officer as well as Masters and brethren of the Lodges had worked together for the betterment of all, and had gained very great and real progress in spite of the number of members not having substantially increased. To have gained a safe and sure position is a greater achievement than to swell the ranks by numbers of those not imbued with the spirit of Mark Masonry nor the will to conquer, nor the capacity to advance, nor the courage to go on in difficult circumstances. Today is not the occasion to bask in the light of past greatness, but to face the position with faith in the future and always being competent to meet any event no matter what it might be.

86 Lodges; Mark Masters, 3,819; Net loss, 50. Ark Mariners, 536; Net gain, 10.

Grand Master, H. B. Mathews.

Grand Secretary, F. R. Sinden.

W.E.M.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Albany, Tuesday, February 4th, 1936.

M. E. Companion Frank E. Woodruff, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest was supported by fourteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-five Grand Representatives. Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion R. Shepard.

209 of the 225 Chapters were represented. A total attendance of 484.

Distinguished Guests from Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Quebec, Virginia, South Carolina, Maine, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia.

The Grand High Priest in his address, under Necrology, referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest Edward F. Hill, Grand Lecturer W. L. Dickerson, 13 R. E. Companions, 80 Past High Priests and 961 Companions. Suitable memorials were inscribed in the Proceedings.

Alberta welcomes R. E. Companion Richard Shepard, of Union Chapter, No. 180, New York, as Grand Representative, appointed on the recommendation of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports having visited 148 Chapters in his Jurisdiction. 14 neighboring Grand Chapter Convocations and 43 other Masonic meetings.

His report is a revelation of enthusiasm, devotion, faithfulness, hard work and sacrifice.

One Chapter celebrated its 114th anniversary, two their 75th, and one its 50th anniversary.

The Grand High Priest under the item "DeMolay Sponsorship" states: "The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons at the Communication held in May, 1935, requested all Lodges to sever their connection with this Order," he therefore recommended that the resolution passed in 1923 permitting Chapters to sponsor "Chapters of the Order of De Molay be rescinded," which was approved later by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

In the concluding portion of his excellent address the Grand High Priest uses these words: "We have all lived to see Royal Arch Masonry reach numerically its highest peak, approximately one million in the United States, and more than seventy-two thousand in this State. And then we have witnessed the decline; and the diminution has not yet stopped. Is Masonry decadent? Does it still 'shed its beneficent light,' as we so glibly say? Amazed and stunned by the wondrous progress of science and education for our material and physical comfort and advancement, have we neglected serious thought for our nobler lives? Will the beautiful but simple ceremonies, the ancient landmarks and customs, still enlist men in these coming years of progress and evolution? We have lost our way to greater things and have become engrossed with the material view of life."

The report of the Trustees gives Assets of the Grand Chapter as \$399,900.60.

The Grand Secretary reports membership in 225 Chapters as 46,586, a net decrease of 3,922.

The statement of the Committee on Tuberculosis Relief report disbursements of \$5,505.06 for the relief of distressed Tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependents.

The ballot electing the Grand High Priest was cast by his son, Companion George E. Francis Jr.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence devotes two pages to Alberta. The total report covers 91 pages, under the Chairmanship of Geo. E. Briggs.

M. E. Companion G. E. Francis, Rochester, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion C. C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

One Hundred and Fortieth Convocation at Albany, February 2nd and 3rd, 1937.

A.W.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Gastonia on March 17th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion J. Edward Allen, was present as Grand Master of the First Veil. He had visited the Grand Chapters of France, Scotland and Ireland, and during the session gave a verbal report of his visitations.

In his address, M. E. Companion Ralph L. Chandler states that through no fault of his own he was unable to give as much time and thought to the position as it deserves. However, he was commended for his zeal, fidelity and the manner in which he had served.

He commends their plan of District Conventions.

Two Chapters were consolidated, and one closed up.

He praises his District Deputies and feels it would be a serious mistake to discourage their activities.

In some instances he found the best officers had not been elected, and he had found Chapters who had received applications, but the officers could not confer the degrees. (Why do Chapters do such things. It is to be found in most jurisdictions.)

He urges consolidation of more Chapters and recommends remission of per capita tax to those Chapters who remit dues of members.

The Committee appointed to straighten out the Masonic Loan Fund had made some progress. The money loaned had, in most cases, been put in the care of the directors of the institutions, who had been very lax in dispensing it. Many students had considered it as a "gift" and made little effort to repay.

Previously Grand Chapter had met in February, this year it was held in March, and in 1937 it will meet in May.

Grand Chapter By-Laws were amended: "No Chapter shall be opened unless there be present three regular Royal Arch Masons. Dependent Lodges may be opened for work without first opening the Chapter."

A Special Ritual Committee, with Companion J. Edward Allen as Chairman, reports "that the Companions are not satisfied with their Ritual." A committee is to be appointed to change it. One form desired is a return to the Royal Arch Degree as worked a number of years ago.

We looked in vain for Companion J. Edward Allen's Fraternal Review, and those wonderful Statistical Tables. What a loss!

The budget calls for \$400 for Grand High Priest's expenses; \$500 for "Mileage" to attend Grand Chapter, and \$100 for a present to retiring Grand High Priest.

However, we hope the Reviews will be printed next year.

45 Chapters. 3,686 members. Net loss, 329.

E.G.I.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, was held in the Masonic Temple, Fargo, on January 21st and 22nd, 1936.

M. E. Companion A. G. Johnson, Grand High Priest, presided.

Many distinguished visitors were present, including M. E. Companion Wm. T. Sherman O'Hara, Toledo, Ohio, General Grand High Priest, and our good friends and Companions, M. E. Companions J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand First Principal, Frank E. Simmons, Past Grand First Principal of Manitoba, and Past Grand First Principal Joseph R. Yorke, of Saskatchewan. Our Canadian Companions were graciously received by the Grand Chaplain approaching the Altar, who offered a fervent prayer of sympathy because of the death of King George V, after which fraternal greetings were extended by Companion Stockwell and conveying to them the oneness and the sorrow of the entire speaking world in the passing of the British Sovereign.

As the roll of Grand Representatives was called 31 answered to their Grand Jurisdictions. Alberta not being represented. Representatives of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., the Grand Commandery K. T., and eight Past Grand High Priests were officially received.

The Grand High Priest in his address referred to his official visits to his constituent Chapters and to other Grand Chapter Convocations, Manitoba and Minnesota. To the International Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

Under Necrology he reports the passing of Past Grand High Priests, Keyes, Guthrie and Reissbeck, as well as 57 Companions. Suitable memorials were prepared by the Committee on Necrology.

The Grand Chapter was at ease during the reception of a Committee from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Kate Guy and Mrs. Minnie E. Rusk, Grand Secretary, the latter presented a basket of roses to the Grand High Priest as an expression of appreciation of the cordial relations existing between these two Grand Bodies.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 2,366; a decrease of 274.

Alberta regrets to learn of the death of Past Grand High Priest Guthrie of 1905, and fraternal correspondent.

The financial statement shows students loans with interest as \$18,145.70.

No reviews.

M. E. Companion J. E. Turner, Grand Forks, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion W. L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Next place of meeting, Grand Forks, Tuesday, January 26th, 1937.

A W.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, held at Halifax, N.S., Tuesday, June 9th, 1936. M. E. Companion H. Leonard Haslam, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The distinguished guests presented included the M. Em. Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templar, W. M. Archibald, and the Deputy Grand Master, R. Em. Knight R. V. Harris, of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Nineteen Grand Representatives answered the Roll and assembled at the Altar. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address reports having visited all but one of the constituent Chapters of the jurisdiction. We excerpt from his address: "The Grand Convocation should be to us a mountain-top of inspiration from whence we go back to our various sections filled with enthusiasm for our Royal Craft. May we endeavor to make it so. The year which has elapsed since our last Grand Convocation has been a memorable one in many ways. The passing of his Gracious Majesty King George V plunged the British Commonwealth of Nations into deep sorrow, and called forth condolences from nearly every nation of the world. Within the Empire it was an expression of loss, of personal loss. Never before had the individual subjects heard the voice of their Sovereign as this present generation has done through the medium of radio, and it was this privilege that brought the King nearer to the hearts

of his people. Because of this close contact with his subjects, and his love for them all—as he expressed in his Christmas message—‘It is this personal link between me and my people which I value more than I can say.’ It binds us together in our common joys and sorrows, ‘the individual learned to think of his Majesty as HIS King.’ Never before has the Throne of England been more ‘Broad-based upon the peoples’ will.’ Outside the Empire there was a universal appreciation of the personal and human qualities of the man, as well as a profound respect for the Throne which he adorned and enhanced by his presence. These same qualities have already been manifested by his successor, our Gracious King, Edward VIII. His concern for the social conditions of his people so sincerely expressed when after reviewing the *Queen Mary* he saw something of the slum conditions of a great city and said, ‘How do you reconcile these with what we have just seen?’ indicates to us all where his deepest sympathy is centered. From the Throne there comes a challenge to Christian peoples throughout this vast Empire to bend every effort to correct the circumstantial conditions of the underprivileged, and the undernourished, that they may have a chance to live decently. From these two Sovereigns who we hold so dear to our hearts, there comes also the challenge to put into practice the lofty principles of Masonry—service to Almighty God and the care of our fellow men, Who is sufficient for these things?”

The Grand High Priest under the item revision of the Ritual states: “The Royal Arch Degree is a long one, and I am doubtful whether it is conducive to the true apprehension of the lessons which it has to convey. The Mark Master’s Degree contains some discrepancies which might well be considered.”

Under Necrology he reports the names of deceased Companions. Memorial pages in the Proceedings give them a permanent place in Masonic history.

The Grand High Priest in accordance with the Constitution confirmed only two of the District Grand Superintendents who had faithfully performed the duties of their office.

In conclusion he states: “During the year it has been my happy privilege to emphasize the spiritual character of Royal Arch Masonry. I have done this because I believe that in catching its essential meaning, Masonry becomes a sublimer element in our lives, a greater challenge to all that is best within us, and an incentive to shape our lives according to its tenets. Masonry is concerned with life, every day life, its goal is to shape us as living stones for that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. From an Entered Apprentice to a Royal Arch Mason we are taken through the various stages of life, with working tools to enable us to fashion our lives for the glorious building of a redeemed humanity. . . . Let us not be weary in well-doing for in due course we shall reap our reward if we faint not.”

The report of the Committee on Grand Superintendents returns gives a very comprehensive statement regarding the conditions of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Committee view with alarm the decline in membership and the decline in Revenue. The several points of criticism are: nearly every District Superintendent contends that the ritual work is a factor in the present situation, the R. A. Degree is too long, too much repetition, long lectures should be eliminated, officers have to learn a vast amount of work, certain parts degenerate into “horseplay,” membership lists include those who are more interested in getting on in Masonry to the Templar Order or the Shrine, etc., Royal Arch Masonry should have some definite work as

an objective. All suggestions and recommendations were referred to the Board of General Purposes to report at a subsequent meeting.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion B. F. Porter, retiring after a service of 17 years, was granted the Honorary title of Past Grand High Priest with a retiring allowance of \$400.00 annually.

The Grand Archivist, R. V. Harris, reports that only seven histories remain to be written—as the time approaches for the celebration of the Bicentenary it will be a matter of great regret if these have to be reported as in default.

M. E. Companion H. L. Haslam, Yarmouth, re-elected Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion J. W. Logan, Truro, Grand Secretary.

The next meeting of Convocation to be held at Amherst, N.S., on Tuesday, June 8th, 1937.

No reviews.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 1,773; net loss of 110.

A.W.

OKLAHOMA, 1936

The Forty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Oklahoma City on April 21st and 22nd, 1936. M. E. Companion Edward M. Washington, Grand High Priest. Distinguished visitors from the various Grand Masonic Bodies of Oklahoma were received with appropriate honors. Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion Edward P. Gallup, was present.

The Grand High Priest devoted a great deal of energy in visiting many of his constituent Chapters as well as the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

Some criticism is made regarding Chapters being unable to open or confer degrees without the use of the Ritual; to us this is surprising, we are totally unaccustomed to seeing any ritual in use during our Chapter meetings. Any man who assumes office and neglects to memorize his ritual cannot possibly hope to make his Chapter a success. He calls for the reflection of Masonry in our daily living as being the duty of us all.

One Chapter surrendered its Charter during the year.

98 Chapters. Membership, 6,647. Decrease, 422.

J.V.F.

OKLAHOMA, 1937

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Tulsa on April 20th and 21st, 1937. M. E. Companion Ben H. Frohock, Grand High Priest. Distinguished visitors included the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Alberta's Representative was in attendance.

It is interesting to note that this Grand Chapter receives and introduces its Past Grand High Priests with appropriate honours and the response to their reception was made by M. E. Companion Hamilton who was installed in 1905. This appears to us a custom worthy of emulation.

The Grand High Priest was diligent in the discharge of his official duties. During the year three Chapters amalgamated, and two Chapters were asked to surrender their charters because of inactivity and failure to make returns to Grand Chapter.

A substantial donation was made to the flood sufferers in the State of Kentucky.

The Grand Secretary suggested that the minimum fee for the Chapter Degrees be reduced from thirty to twenty dollars. This seems to have many advocates on the assumption that the lower fee will be an inducement for increasing membership. We sometimes feel that if ten dollars keeps a mason out of Capitular Masonry then he is in no financial position to undertake membership. This type of candidate very soon becomes part of the problem of unpaid dues.

The Grand High Priest gives this pithy epigram: "It is better to fail trying to do something constructive than to succeed in doing nothing." What kind of success does he mean?

The Grand Chapter had an operating loss of \$1,104.04 for the year.

98 Chapters. Total Membership, 6,207. Net Loss, 402.

J.V.F.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation was held at Columbus on September 16th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Irving Stafford, who is Grand Treasurer, of course, was on hand.

General Grand High Priest W. T. S. O'Hara of Toledo, and one of their distinguished Grand High Priests, was an active member at this session.

This was said when the Companions were welcomed: "I give you a sincere greeting; one that can come only from a group of men to other men whom they are proud to call friends."

The Address of Grand High Priest Franz K. Hall indicates that he was a very active officer, and visited much. He divided the State into twenty-one districts and appointed an Inspector in each. He issued a Bulletin to the High Priests, instructing them to arrange a visit of the Inspector to the Chapter—make it a big meeting, have all records ready, arrange, and rehearse a degree, begin on time, etc. They were to arrange inter-visits with other Chapters, look carefully after dues, etc. He called the Inspectors together; instructed them; said he appointed them because of their ability, tact and zeal, and informed them that he expected much of them. Another Bulletin stated that, on res-

toration, if the Chapter did not collect dues from a Companion during suspension, their per capita tax on that member to Grand Chapter would not be collected. Later it was enacted that when Chapters remitted dues, Grand Chapter would remit the per capita tax on such Companions.

Two Chapters were merged into one, and another Chapter was given another year in which to try to revive.

He reports that in those Chapters where work was done fine progress was made.

The Committee on Charity reported that "they searched diligently and inquired carefully without having discovered opportunity to be of service." (Sounds strange in our world of want and relief of today.)

A resolution was submitted to change the number of rituals allowed each Chapter from four to twelve. An amendment was made to change to six, but Grand Chapter voted "No" on both.

The Fraternal Review is written by M. E. Companion Carl W. Sperling. He gives us a complete report, although he says: "that it contains only the most important facts and anyway little of general interest to the Craft really happened." He gives generous quotations, under Alberta, an excerpt of seventeen lines of M. E. Companion Andy Davison's address is given.

208 Chapters. 52,517 Members, Net Loss, 2,886.

E.G.I.

OREGON

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Portland on April 14th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Edwin L. Wieder, was present.

Grand High Priest Lloyd L. Scott's address contained mostly matters of routine. In welcoming the members, he said, "Memory is the golden chain that binds the present to the past and each link is welded together by the friends we make." He says, "I sometimes think that we make a mistake in changing our officers every year. We have some officers that the sooner they are through the better." (Quite true, but it may create dissention to vote the way we should.)

He recommended that steps be taken to consolidate all Chapter and Royal and Select Master Degrees. Also that all officers of Grand Chapter be elective, or, if left appointed, that the Grand High Priest on assuming office, should not feel obligated to advance, any so appointed. No action was taken at this convocation.

General Grand High Priest W. T. S. O'Hara was welcomed and delivered an appropriate address. One remark was, "That many men cannot become real Masons. They are not, necessarily handits, and they live honestly and deal justly, but they have little respect for morality or spirituality."

Grand Orator Leslie M. Scott made a forceable speech on Masonry and Freedom. One truth he mentioned was that "waste and debt does not make prosperity, that scarcity and higher prices do not end poverty nor satisfy hunger and that lessened production does not make more wealth for all"

No Fraternal Review is published.

Grand Chapter operated within its income.

50 Chapters. 5,306 Members. Net Loss, 188.

E.G.I.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter is fashioned after the Grand Chapters of Great Britain, in that it holds Quarterly Communications, i.e., March 5th, June 4th, September 3rd and December 3rd, with an Annual Session on December 28th, 1936.

Our Grand Representative, Companion Wesley R. Roe, showed his interest by attending all five convocations. We can say that their Representative in Alberta, E. Companion Henry Ford, is an enthusiastic Mason, too, but his official duties as a government accountant prevent regular attendance at Grand Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communications little, except routine business is noted. At the March meeting the Finance Committee recommended "that 10 per cent of dues paid to Grand Chapter in 1935 be refunded to the Chapters."

In the beautiful address given in Memoriam of the death of P. G. H. P. George B. Wells, we get this new thought, "Christ, by his teaching, abolishes death as the radio abolishes distance."

The December Quarterly seems to be the occasion to entertain distinguished visitors, as the Chief Officers of no less than seventeen Grand Jurisdictions were present, including Past Grand Z. Kenneth J. Dunstan of Canada (in Ontario), and Grand First Principal C. U. Tirrell of Quebec. The Financial Report shows assets of over \$218,000.

The Address of Grand High Priest Albert T. Hanby indicates that he was very active having visited much. We quote this ideal of life: "Out of the consistent practice of the precepts of Freemasonry there issues the joy of unselfish living. The Commandment, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,' embraces all laws and solves all personal problems. It automatically eliminates selfishness, dispels anger and doubt. It is a complete, joyful way of life for social man. *Masonry is something to be lived, not discussed.* In our personal relations, the most important thing we have to contend with is the outward result of our inward thinking."

He attended all District Meetings, and these he highly commends. "They are a vital force in developing an esprit de corps between the Grand Officers and the Officers of Subordinate Bodies, and creates friendly rivalry in the Chapters." He attended twelve Annual Communications of Sister Jurisdictions.

The Fraternal Review is prepared by a Committee of five. M. E. Companion John M. Core writes the review of Alberta under Grand Z. Walter E. Mercer.

1935—Chapters, 153. 45,763 Members. Net Loss, 3,393.

1936—Chapters, 153. 42,837 Members. Net Loss, 2,926.

E.G.I.

QUEBEC

The Forty-ninth Annual Convocation was held at Montreal, March 25th, 1936. M. E. Companion Chas. O'Neill, Grand First Principal for a second term. ,

We note, with surprise, that there were no visitors from outside jurisdictions. Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, was present.

The Grand First Principal seems to have had a busy year, and visited the constituent Chapters and District Meetings of his own jurisdiction as well as the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, and Canada in Ontario.

In commenting on world conditions he wisely suggests that we develop the best in man's nature in order to reach the desired haven of the Brotherhood of Man, and not to be carried away by the alarming pace with which life's affairs are conducted today, accompanied by its degrading influence on the finer characteristics of human nature.

25 Chapters. Membership, 3,010. Decrease of 138.

J.V.F.

QUEENSLAND

The proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Queensland for 1935 comes in a neat pocket edition form. The Annual Convocation was held at Brisbane in October. M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quin, Grand First Principal, in the chair. Alberta was not represented. Commission was available for presentation to R. E. Companion R. L. H. Peterson for the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The Grand First Principal, in his address said: "One of the great attractions of our Order is to be associated with men actuated by a high code of ethics and morality, who subordinate self for the general good, strengthen the bonds of Friendship, exalt Justice, Liberty and Goodwill," and adds, "that where friendship—a great constructive power—prevails, there we find kindness, justice and freedom."

Membership, 2,900.

J.W.G.M.

SASKATCHEWAN

Thirteenth Annual Convocation held at Regina, February 26th, 1936, M. E. Companion E. R. Wylie, Grand Z., in the Chair. Membership, 2,028.

Among the distinguished visitors introduced was M. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, then Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Our Grand Representative is Companion J. C. Moon.

The Grand Z. in his admirable address gives an interesting review of his visitations both in and outside his jurisdiction as well as of the district meetings. Education and research work had been stressed by him at each Chapter meeting and from what he had seen of Educational work he believed progress was being made. He suggested the appointment of a committee to bring in a report with respect to the advisability of Royal Arch Masonry entering the field of practical service. He found Royal Arch Masonry on the whole in a sound condition. There is an excellent address included in the Proceedings, "Masonry In a Changing World," by Rev. Dr. Stapleford of Regina College, the pith of which is the power Masonry might wield if it only could carry into the minds and hearts of man the Masonic ideal of brotherhood.

Several amendments were made to the Constitution, one changing date of annual convocation from February to May. The minimum fee for exaltation was reduced from \$50.00 to \$30.00. Some of the Lessons of the Royal Arch is the subject matter of an address by H. T. Kempton of the Weyburn Chapter. The Royal Arch holds before us the ideal of a good and useful life, he remarks, a life every one of us is supposed to live by our Masonic obligations.

Alberta is given a brief fraternal review.

R. E. Companion F. E. Doull elected Grand Z.

J. W. G. M:

SCOTLAND

At the Quarterly Convocation held in Edinburgh, on December 20th, 1935, the Grand First Principal, the Earl of Cassillis, announced the death of M. E. Companion William Rennie, Grand Third Principal. He had possessed a marvellous memory, and was ready at any time to take part of any degree or to install Chapter officers.

It is usual when a Companion is unable to attend his Grand Chapter Committee meeting, or take his station in Grand Chapter, to send an apology for being absent.

Reports at the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Committee of February 21st, 1936, states that decreases in membership in the Chapters are still occurring.

At the election of officers of Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Convocation of March 6th, 1937, the Earl of Cassillis was unanimously elected Grand Z. for the twenty-fourth year. He is still very enthusiastic and travels much to far distant subordinate Chapters.

The Annual Convocation was held on March 21st, 1936, at which the re-elected officers were installed, and after which was celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox. After the sumptuous banquet many noted Companions made addresses.

At each Quarterly Convocation some reports of Grand Superintendents are read—many from distant lands.

E.G.I.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual Convocation at Rock Hill, April 15th, 1936. M. E. Companion Edward H. Pinckney, Grand High Priest. Alberta represented by Companion William A. Giles. Membership, 2,059.

The Grand High Priest reviews briefly his work for the year and expresses the hope while there has been a loss of membership "we will eventually get back to normal." Among his rulings was that "a Companion who has been dropped by his Blue Lodge for N.P.D. is ipso facto immediately suspended in the Chapter."

Alberta fraternally reviewed, for which we extend our thanks.

M. E. Companion L. D. Simpson elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, January 25th, 1937. M. E. Companion Benjamin T. Dawkins, Grand High Priest.

Alberta's Representative, E. Companion John N. Pigg, was present.

The Grand High Priest reports, "existing conditions of the Craft very encouraging. Everywhere is evident renewed interest and enthusiasm." Yet we note that during the year he granted dispensations to six Chapters to elect and instal officers at times other than constitutional because in all cases a quorum was not present at the regular date.

A new Chapter, No. 211, at McMinville, was consecrated and dedicated. Two Chapters consolidated as Tullahoma, No. 193.

There were less dues remitted, fewer withdrawals, fewer suspensions, and less net loss. There were more exaltations, affiliations and restorations. This is indeed very encouraging.

The Grand High Priest recommends as his Keynote: "Spread Royal Arch Masonry among all worthy men." This should be the motto of every Chapter in every jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows an expenditure well within the annual income.

The Grand Secretary reported an increase of 81 exaltations over 1935, and for the first time in several years no charters were arrested or suspended.

Alberta receives a generous review.

Total Membership, 5,664. Net Loss, 210. 78 Chapters.

J.V.F.

VERMONT

One Hundred and Nineteenth Convocation at Burlington, January 9th, 1936. M. E. Companion Henry J. Ballou, Grand High Priest. Membership. 4,575.

The Grand High Priest gave an interesting historical sketch of the Grand Chapter. Its vicissitudes were many but today "peace, prosperity and harmony are within our organization and no sinister force threatens us from outside."

Companion Howard H. Shufelt, Burlington, is the Representative from Alberta.

There are no reviews.

J.W.G.M.

VICTORIA

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia, met quarterly on the 17th July, 16th October, 1935; 15th January and 15th April, 1936.

The Grand Officers usually designated as "Excellent," are called "Eminent."

Matters of local interest were disposed of by M. Em. Companion C. T. Martin, who presided at all four Convocations. At the April session he was installed for his sixth term.

Our Grand Representative, R. Em. Companion Thompson Allen, P.G.J., was present at the April meeting.

If unable to be present, many members of Grand Chapter send apologies.

The Grand Officers do not progress upward from one office to another. A new member is elected or appointed to each office every year, and he may never fill another, hence they have many Past Grand Officers.

Grand Scribe E. Chas. K. Cahn, P.G.H., died in May and, after advertising in the daily press, the General Purpose Committee selected

and recommended Em. Companion H. O. Thomas, Past Prin. Grand Sojourner, to fill the office.

For non-payment of dues, or if suspended by Craft Lodge, a Companion is *excluded* from his Chapter. This is reported to Grand Chapter, in which he is again *excluded*. When reinstated, the *exclusion* is *removed*.

From the Grand Z.'s reports, it would appear that installation of officers of Chapters must be performed by Grand Chapter Officers.

A charter was issued for a new Chapter in Melbourne.

All but four Chapters exalted one or more new members, and continued enthusiasm everywhere prevails.

71 Chapters. 4,236 Members. Net Loss, 13.

E.G.I.

VIRGINIA

Annual Convocation (the 129th) on October 27th and 28th, 1936, City of Richmond, M. E. Companion Charles E. Ergenbright, Grand High Priest. Alberta represented by Companion George C. Scarborough.

The Grand High Priest reviews his activities for the year and finds that the general conditions of Chapters is greatly improved and that Peace and Harmony prevail throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

Membership, 11,584.

M. E. Companion Dr. William M. Brown was elected Grand High Priest.

J.W.G.M.

WASHINGTON

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Chapter of Washington held in the City of Tacoma, on May 14th and 15th, 1936.

M. E. Companion Lewis A. Bender, Grand High Priest, presiding.

There were present, 22 Past Grand High Priests and 40 Grand Representatives. Distinguished Guests from the Grand Chapters of Oregon, Minnesota, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address under Necrology reported that not an officer nor a Past Grand Officer had been called by death. One hundred and thirty-five Companions of the constituent Chapters answered the final summons.

The Grand High Priest visited fifty of the fifty-four Chapters and has every reason to believe that much good has been accomplished by this fraternal co-operation. The Chapters of Victoria, B.C., were granted permission to visit the Chapters of Seattle to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree.

The Grand Secretary reports 54 Chapters with a membership of 6,598, a net loss of 613.

The Grand Orator, A. W. Waterman, gave an instructive address on "Our Constitution and Masonry," which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Chapter resolved that the incoming Grand High Priest appoint a committee to confer with a committee from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar to definitely recommend the time and place of the annual meetings. This to be reported at the next Annual Convocation.

M. E. Companions E. P. Rands, Grand High Priest of Oregon, and W. R. Trench, Grand Z. of British Columbia, were elected to Honorary membership.

It was resolved that the Grand Chapter limit its annual convocation to one day only. This resolution was later adopted on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

It was also resolved and adopted that no per diem allowance be paid to representatives at the next Convocation.

No reviews.

M. E. Companion W. H. Steffy, Seattle, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion W. C. Stone, Spokane, Grand Secretary.

Next Convocation to be held in the City of Bellingham, May 13th, 1937.

A.W.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, October 12th and 13th, 1936. M. E. Companion Harry A. Berry, Grand High Priest. Alberta was represented by E. Companion L. G. Kincheloe.

The Convocation was opened with prayer.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Virginia were present. This Grand Chapter also receives its Past Grand High Priests officially. An excellent gesture, as no matter how old we get we are all susceptible to a little gracious attention.

The Grand High Priest's report is short and concise, probably due to the fact that he made only four official visits and attended one school of instruction during the year, and he confesses that a great deal has been left unfinished, and a great many things he had hoped to accomplish he could not find the time to as much as start.

We note permission to confer Chapter degrees upon a Brother who had lost a leg just below the knee was refused. We wonder why! If this Brother could be a Mason with this anatomical defect, why could he not be made a Royal Arch Mason? Evidently unconstitutional in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Operating expenses for the year were greater than the income by about \$311.00.

Alberta is generously reviewed.

45 Chapters. Membership, 8,706. Decrease, 335.

J.V.F.

WISCONSIN

Eighty-sixth Convocation, Milwaukee, February 18th and 19th, 1936. M. E. Companion Fred S. Thompson, Grand High Priest. Membership, 20,009.

The Grand High Priest reported a "much better feeling throughout the jurisdiction, a much better understanding of Royal Arch Masonry, and a determination for future development."

One of the pleasing developments of the year was "the interest the younger Companions are taking in Chapter work." He finds on the whole the jurisdiction to be "in an improved condition." "A successful army," he concludes, "is not made up of officers alone there must be followers."

Alberta was represented by Alvin E. Haumersen.

M. E. Companion Elmer D. Widmer elected Grand High Priest.

Capitular affairs in other jurisdictions reviewed in abbreviated but interesting form.

J.W.G.M.

WYOMING

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation held at Cheyenne, July 12th, 1936. M. E. Companion Henry G. Watson, Grand High Priest. Ten Grand Officers and ten Past Grand High Priests answered the roll call. M. E. Companion Carl R. Graison and M. E. Companion Edward E. Carr, visitors from Nebraska, were received with Grand Honors and both responded. Twenty Grand Representatives were present, Alberta's, M. E. Companion Walter B. Saunders, being amongst them.

The Grand High Priest in his address said in part: "We hope that this annual convocation will prove of interest to all of you and particularly to those who are attending for the first time and trust you will make so many friends that it will encourage you to attend more frequently in future. If our institution is to grow and go forward, we will

need your counsel and advice to enrich our plans with new ideas which may better fit changing conditions. If we are to progress we must not allow our affairs to fall into a state of innocuous desuetude but must go ahead with determination and the will to maintain our principles in spite of the reverses of the last few years. It is my belief that each degree should be worked at least once or twice each year, so that the officers may keep familiar with the work even if no candidates are available. If attendance is not what it should be, it is up to the officers to provide something of interest." (Appropriate sentiments and suitable for general application.)

The Grand High Priest visited 17 of the 18 constituent Chapters and arranged for the other to be visited. He was unable to accept any invitations to visit other Jurisdictions. Two Dispensations, of the usual order, refused a change of by-laws to reduce fees which would have been below those as set by the Constitution. A general form of petition was recommended to be supplied to Chapters, so that a two-thirds or three-fourths vote should elect on a petition for affiliation with a Chapter from which a member had formerly withdrawn. That when stated dates of Convocations happen to fall of special holidays, Chapter By-laws make provision to hold Convocation the day following. (A dispensation at a cost of \$2.00 is our refuge.)

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Richard H. Repath, in his report very concisely deals with the membership. Net loss, 84, compared with previous year of 64. New Material, 61, compared to 55. Total loss, 145, as against 119; accounted for by 30 deaths, 28 withdrawals and 87 suspensions N.P.D. The first net loss was reported in 1931, the total to date being 453, while suspensions for N.P.D. were for the same period 476, which outnumbered the exaltations by 246. Continuing, he states the above figures must be faced, and calls for very serious thought; indicating as they do that exaltations have seriously decreased. A small number of reinstatements indicates little effort being made to win back suspended members and, suspensions unless checked, will in time bring the inevitable. Disbursements slightly exceed receipts but Grand Chapter still has a balance of \$6,109.00.

It was unfortunate the Alberta Proceedings did not reach Wyoming in time to get a mention in the reviews of recent years. M. E. Companion Watson's reviews cover some 68 pages.

18 Chapters. Membership, 1,800.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William H. Jones.

Grand Secretary R. E. Companion Richard H. Repath.

W.E.M.

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1937 and 4,000 equal to 5,937.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1937 and 530 equal to 2,467.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1937 and 1,000 equal to 2,937.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1937 less 1,118 equal to 819.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1937 and 1913 equal to 3,850.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1937 and 3,760 equal to 5,697. After September add another year.

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The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 11th day of May, 1938.
